

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)
LEGAL PROFESSION (CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT) RULES 2012

GUIDELINES ON MANDATORY CPD ACTIVITY
FOR CPD YEAR 2013
(ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

Pursuant to rule 14 of the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012 (“the Rules”), the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (“the Institute”) issues the following Guidelines on the continuing professional development scheme:

Mandatory CPD activity

1.—(1) The Institute designates the activity specified at the Schedule to these Guidelines as a mandatory CPD activity for calendar year 2013, for the purposes of rule 9(a) of the Rules.

(2) Every relevant solicitor who:

(a) is of less than 5 years’ standing on 1st January 2013; and

(b) in calendar year 2013 has to undertake CPD activities in accordance with rule 9(b) of the Rules,

is required to undertake the mandatory CPD activity specified under sub-paragraph (1) in accordance with all other rules and guidelines as they apply to the undertaking of a CPD activity.

(3) A solicitor who fails to comply with sub-paragraph (2) shall have failed to fulfil his CPD requirements for calendar year 2013 regardless of the number of CPD points he obtained and his compliance with other CPD requirements.

Obtaining CPD points

2. A solicitor may use the CPD points he has obtained for undertaking the mandatory CPD activity specified under paragraph 1(1) to meet the minimum number of CPD points he must obtain for calendar year 2013 under rule 9(b) of the Rules.

SCHEDULE

Paragraph 1

MANDATORY ETHICS PROGRAMME FOR CPD YEAR 2013

Objectives

This is a programme designed to expose newly-qualified lawyers (0 to 5 years PQE) to a range of actual scenarios where lawyers may struggle with identifying what the professional ethics issues are and how to effectively deal with them. This programme seeks to build on the ethics training that a lawyer would have received prior to his admission to the Singapore Bar by focussing on the cultivation of the ability to deal with ethical challenges for which there are no clear dos and don'ts.

Through this programme, participants will:

- Identify practice situations which warrant heightened sensitivity to potential risks from an ethics and professional conduct perspective.
- Consider how to manage those risks in an appropriate manner.

Approach

This programme will utilise case studies which are based on recent anonymised queries that the Law Society's Ethics Committee has received, and a panel discussion of questions raised by participants. This programme will be conducted by practitioner-trainers and chaired by a senior lawyer who will manage the panel discussion.

Organiser

This programme is designed and will be run by the Law Society of Singapore.

Accreditation

This programme is an accredited CPD activity for which public CPD points may be obtained.