



Top 10 Things to Know about the CPD Scheme

No 1: Duration

- Each CPD cycle consists of 24 months, starting from 1 July and ending on 30 June of the following year.
- CPD points may be obtained through participation in a variety of CPD activities, including:
 - attending courses: check calendar at www.malaysianbar.org.my/cpd
 - accessing online training: www.lawprez.com
 - speaking as a trainer
 - writing in recognised publications
 - successfully completing postgraduate qualifications
 - assisting Bar Council in specific activities etc.

More information is available on the CPD Guidelines that can be downloaded on the CPD website.

No 2: CPD 2016

The CPD Scheme will be implemented on a staggered basis, and the first mandatory CPD cycle will commence from 1 July 2016 and end on 30 June 2018. It is applicable to:

- Members who are admitted to the Malaysian Bar from 1 July 2011 onwards ("new entrants"): 16 CPD points for each CPD cycle.
- Pupils in chambers who commence their pupillage from 1 July 2016 onwards ("pupils"): 8 CPD points during the 9-month pupillage.

All CPD points obtained by the group between 1 January 2016 – 30 June 2016 will be included to the computation of CPD points for this Cycle.

It is expected that approx 6,000 Members and pupils in total will participate in the implementation of the upcoming CPD cycle.

No 3: Funding

- The Professional Indemnity ("PII") Committee will allocate RM300,000 each year from the PII Self Insurance Fund to subsidise CPD camps and the creation of new videos.
- Members and pupils who will benefit from these CPD Camps will be expected to pay between RM20-30 per four-hour CPD Camp because of this subsidy.
- All videos on CPD on Demand are free because of this subsidy.

No 4: Major CPD Activities

Face-to-Face Training

- Participate in courses organised by Bar Council and State Bar Committees, and subsidised CPD Camps (each CPD Camp is for 4 hours).
- Result: 1 to 16 CPD points. Each CPD camp will award 4 CPD points per participants, and each CPD 2016 participant can attend two subsidised CPD Camps per Cycle (8 CPD points).

CPD on Demand

- Watch 62 online videos from 13 areas, all of which are available for free
- Result: 1 CPD point per video

Legal Craft

- Write articles for publication in print and online media and other platforms
- Result: 1 CPD point per 500 words published.

No 5: Micro-branding Logos



CPD : LEGAL LEARNING LAB

Courses conducted nationwide by Bar Council and/or State Bar Committees in core legal practice areas.



SIRI PEMIKIRAN KRITIS

Collaboration with the Bar Council National Young Lawyers Committee.



CPD : PERINTIS

Kursus-kursus yang dianjurkan dalam Bahasa Malaysia.



CPD : BRIDGES

Collaborations with domestic and international providers.

No 6: CPD Points: Carry Forward and Prorate

- At the end of the CPD cycle, Members and pupils are allowed to carry forward excess CPD points that they have obtained:

Member	5 CPD points
Pupil (extra CPD points will be counted in the CPD requirements as a Member)	5 CPD points

- CPD points will be prorated for new entrants:

12 months or more until the end of the current CPD cycle	8 CPD points
Between 6 to 11 months until the end of the current CPD cycle	4 CPD points
Between 2 to 5 months until the end of the current CPD cycle	2 CPD points
1 month until the end of the current CPD cycle	0 CPD point

No 7: Compliance

- When the new entrant obtains 16 CPD points within a CPD cycle, they will receive two Event Vouchers for selected Bar Council / State Bar Committee events (valid for one year).
- This will allow the new entrants to continue to participate in CPD events where they can attend at least two training events each CPD Cycle for free.

No 8: Non-Compliance

Members

- Automatic six-month extension
- Write in for an additional three-month extension

Pupils

- Automatic three-month extension (when they have become a Member)
- Write in for an additional three-month extension

No 8: Non-Compliance

Fines will be imposed at the end of the extension period once all eligible extensions have been exhausted.

- Members

9 - 15 CPD points	RM100
1 - 8 CPD points	RM200
0 CPD point	RM500

- Pupils

1 - 7 CPD points	RM100
0 CPD point	RM300

No 9: Proposed amendment to the Legal Profession Act 1976

- The proposed Scheme of Fines for non-compliance is currently not applicable.
- To implement this requires amendment to the Legal Profession Act 1976 (“LPA”).
- Presently, if the Members or pupils fail to comply with the CPD requirements in the mandatory CPD Cycle, they will be given:
 - (a) three/six-month extension, and
 - (b) additional three-month extension (must submit written request).
- Non-compliance with the CPD Scheme will not affect Members’ ability to renew their SA/PC annually, nor will it affect their continuing legal practice or admission to the Malaysian Bar.

No 10: Future of the CPD Scheme

At the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) in 2018, the Professional Standards and Development Committee (“PSDC”) plan:

- Review the CPD Scheme on the mandatory CPD cycle between 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018.
- Determine whether the CPD Scheme will continue on a mandatory basis
- To submit a CPD Motion to extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to the next category of Members (eg. 10 years or less).



When in doubt, please contact the CPD Department:

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