

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CPD

2024/25 Report
79th Annual General Meeting
of the Malaysian Bar

“The need for continuous legal training is not unique to judges; it is essential for lawyers at the Bar and in public service ... However, there is a need for greater emphasis on continuing legal education. That too, in relation to the core values underlying the administration of justice.”

The Right Honourable
Tun Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat
Chief Justice of Malaysia
Speech for the Opening of the Legal Year 2020

HISTORY OF THE CPD SCHEME

- 01
- 19 Mar 2016 | 70th AGM**

Resolution passed and adopted at the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (“AGM”), making the CPD Scheme mandatory for Members and pupils, which would be implemented on a staggered basis.

With effect from 1 July 2016, the CPD Scheme applied to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya on or after 1 July 2011 (“Group One Members”). It also applied to pupils in chambers who commenced their pupillage on or after 1 July 2016.
- 02
- 17 Mar 2018 | 72nd AGM**

Resolution passed and adopted to extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2011 (inclusive) (“Group Two Members”).
- 03
- 14 Mar 2020 | 74th AGM**

At the 74th AGM, a motion was tabled to further extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2006 (inclusive) with effect from 1 July 2020.

However, the motion was withdrawn in order to expedite the conduct of the AGM due to health concerns arising from the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 04
- 13 Mar 2021 | 75th AGM**

Resolution passed and adopted to further extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2006 (inclusive) (“Group Three Members”).
- 05
- 19 Mar 2022 | 76th AGM**

Resolution passed and adopted to further extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from between 1 July 1996 and 30 June 2001 (inclusive) (“Group Four Members”).
- 06
- 16 Mar 2024 | 78th AGM**

Resolution passed and adopted to further extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from between 1 July 1991 and 30 June 1996 (inclusive) (“Group Five Members”).

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are starting out as a lawyer, these CPD activities would be useful to you:

CPD  Learning Lab	CPD Learning Lab focuses on issues and developments related to core practice areas.
CPD  Bridges	CPD Bridges covers collaborative events with domestic and international parties.
CPD  Camps	CPD Camps is tailored to events specifically for young lawyers, focusing on the basics of selected practice areas.
CPD  Perintis	CPD Perintis refers to events conducted in Bahasa Malaysia.
CPD  OnDemand	CPD on Demand is a platform that enables you to play back recordings of online courses.
CPD  Live	CPD Live offers webinars that provides you with the flexibility of learning from anywhere.
CPD  FEST	CPD Fest features a series of daily webinars that span a week, covering diverse practice areas.

If you are a lawyer with experience, the following activities, in addition to the above-mentioned ones, will enhance your professional development:

CPD  PRIME	CPD Prime offers events specifically tailored for more senior lawyers, focusing on intermediate to advanced level topics.
CPD  Express	CPD Express is a platform that enables you to share insights on a variety of topics with your peers during a rapid-fire, hour-long session.
CPD  Roundtable	CPD Roundtable is a form of in-house training that enables you to have the flexibility to host and facilitate conversations about the law in any informal spaces.
CPD  Legal Craft	CPD Legal Craft provides you with the opportunity to earn CPD points by contributing articles to publications approved by the Bar Council.
CPD  direct access	CPD Direct Access is a mentorship programme designed to bridge knowledge gaps and encourage active engagement between junior and senior lawyers.
CPD  podcast	CPD Podcast allows you to share your experiences and insights with listeners on the go.

PARTICIPATION

Overall Member Participation in the CPD Scheme*

Cycle / CPD points	Cycle 1 (1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018)	Cycle 2 (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020)	Cycle 3 (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022)
1	1,014	1,301	1,686
2 to 15	5,942	5,907	6,574
16	269	277	258
More than 16	2,373	2,024	1,861
Total Member Participation in the CPD Scheme	9,598	9,509	10,379

*All figures displayed on this page are based on data updated in our database as at 30 June 2018 (Cycle 1), 15 Feb 2022 (Cycle 2), and 7 Feb 2024 (Cycle 3).

PARTICIPATION IN CYCLE 4 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024*

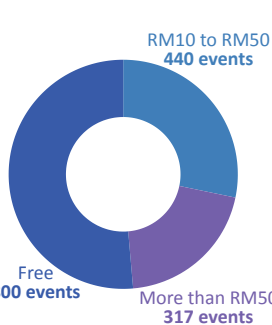
Overall Member Participation in the CPD Scheme

No of CPD Points	No of Participants
1	1,486
2 to 15	7,792
16	366
More than 16	2,399

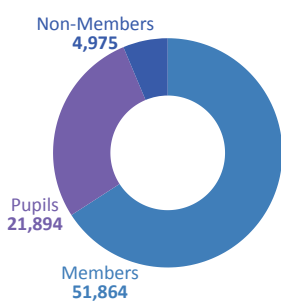
Total Member Participation in the CPD Scheme: **12,043**
Total Members of the Bar*: **24,555**

CPD EVENTS IN CYCLE 4 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024*

Registration Fees



Number of Participants Based on Categories



Number of CPD Events and Participants

Event Provider	No of Events	No of Participants
Bar Council**	297	27,290
State Bar Committees	539	32,336
BC Legal Aid Centres	104	1,832
CPD Roundtable and In-House Legal Training by Law Firms	410	7,262
Commercial Course Providers, Government Agencies, Academic Institutions, NGOs and Professional Bodies	106	3,045

PARTICIPATION IN CYCLE 5 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026*

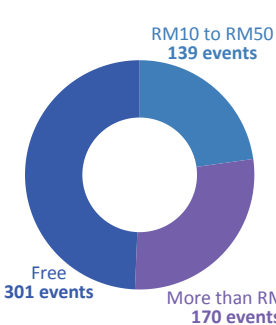
Overall Member Participation in the CPD Scheme

No of CPD Points	No of Participants
1	814
2 to 15	6,803
16	116
More than 16	726

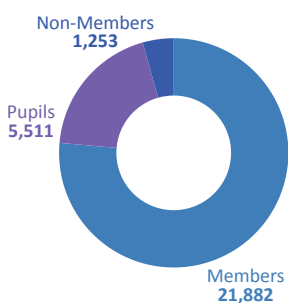
Total Member Participation in the CPD Scheme: **8,459**
Total Number of Members of the Bar*: **24,555**

CPD EVENTS IN CYCLE 5 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026*

Registration Fees



Number of Participants Based on Categories



Number of CPD Events and Participants

Event Provider	No of Events	No of Participants
Bar Council**	162	14,712
State Bar Committees	220	9,844
BC Legal Aid Centres	32	480
CPD Roundtable and In-House Legal Training by Law Firms	121	1,854
Commercial Course Providers, Government Agencies, Academic Institutions, NGOs and Professional Bodies	51	349

*All figures displayed in this page are based on data updated in our database as of 22 Jan 2025. The figures include repeated attendance from Members, pupils, and non-Members.

**Inclusive of CPD events such as Bar Council Ethics Course, CPD Camps, CPD Prime and Advocacy Training Courses.