



**Circular No 004/2017  
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**Report on Continuing Professional Development (Part 1) | CPD Training Events**

At the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (“AGM”) on 19 Mar 2016, Members of the Bar adopted a resolution making the Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Scheme mandatory for Members, to take effect on a staggered basis. With effect from 1 July 2016, Members admitted to the Bar from 1 July 2011 onwards are required to obtain 16 CPD points for each 24-month CPD cycle, and pupils who commenced their pupillage from 1 July 2016 onwards are required to obtain eight CPD points in the course of their pupillage.

This is the first of a series of four reports regarding the progress of the mandatory CPD Scheme in the current CPD cycle, which runs from 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018 (“CPD Cycle #3”).

During the first two CPD cycles, the CPD Scheme was implemented on a voluntary basis, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the 66<sup>th</sup> AGM on 10 Mar 2012.

**Number of CPD Activities and Participants**

The table below contains data regarding the CPD training activities conducted, and the level of participation recorded, based on 223 out of 382 events during the first six months of CPD Cycle #3, ie from 1 July 2016 to 31 Dec 2016.

For comparative purposes, the information in the table below includes data (pro-rated) in respect of 929 out of 1,132 events held during the second CPD cycle (“CPD Cycle #2”), which was from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2016.

All the figures displayed below are based on data received from organisers and updated in our database, as at 26 Dec 2016.

No	CPD Event Organiser(s)	CPD Cycle #2 (Pro-Rated)	CPD Cycle #3
(1)	Bar Council	54 events (1,790 participants)	64 events (2,362 participants)
(2)	State Bar Committees	78 events (2,904 participants)	78 events (2,756 participants)
(3)	Bar Council, State Bar Committees, Legal Aid Centres, and Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board: Events include Advocacy Training Courses, CPD Camps, and CPD on Demand*	155 events (5,794 participants)	247 events (6,235 participants)

(4)	Commercial course providers	33 events (963 participants)	36 events (607 participants)
(5)	Government agencies, academic institutions, non-governmental organisations, professional bodies	22 events (154 participants)	22 events (723 participants)
(6)	CPD Roundtables, which include:  (a) In-house legal training by legal firms; and  (b) Individual Roundtable events initiated by Members of the Bar	69 events (513 participants)  1 event (10 participants)	74 events (1,180 participants)  3 events (13 participants)
(7)	CPD on Demand*	22 videos (617 views)	81 videos (3,476 views)

\*CPD on Demand is a CPD online training platform, accessible at [www.lawprez.com/bcm](http://www.lawprez.com/bcm).

A summary of the total number of events and participants for CPD Cycle #2 and CPD Cycle #3 (as available in our database on 26 Dec 2016) is provided in the table below:

	CPD Cycle #2 (Pro-Rated)	CPD Cycle #3
Total events	283 events	382 events
Total participants	8,077 participants (for 232 out of 283 events), comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5,038 Members</li> <li>▪ 1,989 pupils in chambers</li> <li>▪ 1,050 other participants</li> </ul>	8,753 participants (for 223 out of 382 events), comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4,913 Members</li> <li>▪ 2,031 pupils in chambers</li> <li>▪ 1,809 other participants</li> </ul>

Of the 382 events held between 1 July 2016 and 31 Dec 2016:

- (1) 52 events (ie 13.6%) were free of charge to the participants; and
- (2) 62 events (ie 16.2%) had fees of between RM10 and RM50 (excluding 6% GST) per participant.

As such, the fee for 114 (ie 29.8%) of the 382 events was RM50 or less.

Thank you.

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