

## **FAQS FOR CPTL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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1.	<p data-bbox="280 327 1074 356"><b><u>What is the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers?</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="280 398 1396 533">The Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers was set up by the Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon in August 2016 to conduct a root-and-branch review of the professional training regime for lawyers and to make recommendations on how it might be modified to raise the quality and consistency of training standards across law practices.</p> <p data-bbox="280 575 1396 710">The Committee was chaired by Justice Quentin Loh and comprised 14 other members including representatives from Singapore law practices, the Law Society of Singapore, the Singapore Corporate Counsel Association, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Chambers, and the Ministry of Law.</p> <p data-bbox="280 752 1396 819">Following the completion of the Committee's work, its report was submitted for MinLaw's consideration earlier this year.</p> <p data-bbox="280 898 754 927">Please refer to the Committee's <a href="#">report</a>.</p>
2.	<p data-bbox="280 972 1396 1039"><b><u>What are the changes recommended by the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers?</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="280 1081 1396 1283">The key recommendations of the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers include: (a) uncoupling admission to the Singapore Bar from the completion of a practice training contract; (b) lengthening the practice training period from six months to one year; and (c) raising the standard and stringency of Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations. The Committee also made 17 other specific recommendations to address discrete issues within the professional training regime.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1326 1396 1426">The implementation of these recommendations will help raise the quality of legal training and better equip law graduates with the necessary expertise to meet the demands of the future economy and society.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1469 754 1498">Please refer to the Committee's <a href="#">report</a>.</p>
3.	<p data-bbox="280 1545 1396 1612"><b><u>Have the recommendations of the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers been accepted?</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="280 1655 1396 1789">After careful consideration, the Ministry of Law has accepted in principle the recommendations of the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers. The Ministry of Law will work with stakeholders, including the Law Society of Singapore and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, on the implementation of the recommendations.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1832 887 1861">Please refer to the Ministry of Law's <a href="#">press release</a>.</p>
4.	<p data-bbox="280 1904 1396 1971"><b><u>When will the recommendations of the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers be implemented?</u></b></p>

	<p>The following three key recommendations of the Committee will apply to <b>qualified persons* who pass Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations from the 2023 session onwards</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) uncoupling admission to the Singapore Bar from the completion of a practice training contract;</li> <li>(b) lengthening the practice training period from six months to one year; and</li> <li>(c) raising the standard and stringency of Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee also made 17 other specific recommendations to address discrete issues within the professional training regime. These relate to training standards, as well as the processes involved in applying for and obtaining practice training contracts. These 17 recommendations, which will support the new professional training regime, will be implemented in consultation with the relevant stakeholders (e.g. Supreme Court, the Law Society of Singapore, the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, law practices, and law schools) over the next five years.</p> <p>Please refer to the Ministry of Law’s <a href="#">press release</a> and the Committee’s <a href="#">report</a>.</p> <p>[*For more information about being a “qualified person”, please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.]</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Will I be affected by the recommendations of the Committee for the Professional Training of Lawyers?</u></b></p> <p><b>Qualified persons* who pass Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations <u>before the 2023 session</u> will <u>not</u> be affected by the changes.</b> They will come under the current regime, and need to complete a 6-month training contract before they can be admitted to the Singapore Bar and obtain a practising certificate.</p> <p><b>Qualified persons* who pass Part B <u>from the 2023 session onwards</u> will come under the <u>new regime</u>.</b> They will be called to the Bar after passing Part B. If they wish to practise law, they will then need to complete a 12-month training contract before they can obtain a practising certificate.</p> <p>[*For more information about being a “qualified person”, please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.]</p>