

Report of the Standing Committee on Continuing Education 2020

1. The Standing Committee on Continuing Education was set up by the Council on 14 February 2019.
2. The term of reference of the new Standing Committee is to implement a Continuing Professional Development and Education Programme (“**CPD Programme**”) for all practising members of the Bar.
3. The CPD Programme designed following the English model was endorsed by the Bar Council and introduced in Bar Circular No. 124/20 dated 17 June 2020 which outlined in detail the operation of both the voluntary CPD Programme for two and half years to be followed by the intended mandatory programme at the end of 2022.
4. The first phase of the CPD Programme is a voluntary programme of CPD which commenced on 1 July 2020. The objective at the voluntary phase of the CPD Programme is to encourage members to develop the habit of self-initiated continuing education and professional development catering for their individual professional needs and prospects. Members were invited to take part in the voluntary programme by submitting their CPD plans for the period of 1 July 2020 to 15 July 2020 and to submit their annual final reports at the end of 2020.
5. The Bar Council’s plan is to make the CPD Programme mandatory at the end of 2022 by amending the relevant rules and regulations.

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