

## **Report of the Standing Committee on Continuing Education**

The Standing Committee on Continuing Education was set up in 2019 to look into the matter of barristers' continuing professional education development ("CPD"). In June 2020, a voluntary CPD scheme was introduced as an interim bridge into a mandatory scheme. An interim report was prepared by the Committee in July 2021 setting out proposals on a mandatory CPD. Members' views were sought in August 2021. The Bar Council endorsed the recommendations in the interim report in October 2021.

In December 2021, the Bar Council submitted draft CPD rules to the Chief Justice for approval under s.72AA(d) of LPO. The Committee is in the course of considering the comments on the draft CPD rules from the DOJ. Given the Bar Council is considering to make necessary amendments to the LPO to empower the Bar Council to make CPD compliance a condition for the issue of a practising certificate, the Bar Council will in due course consult the DOJ on the proposed amendments. The goal is to implement the mandatory CPD scheme within the year of 2023.

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