

# Specialist Accreditation Scheme

# Building and Construction Law Information for Specialists

This Guide is for specialists on how to maintain their specialist accreditation in Building and Construction Law.

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## 1. Definitions

- 1.1. *Building and construction legal practice.* This is the practice of law relating to all aspects of development, design and construction of public and private projects. It shall encompass, but is not limited to, all advisory and documentation work undertaken for related stakeholders including contractors, developers, consultants, insurers and financial institutions, prior to the commencement of and all dispute-related work arising from such projects.
- 1.2. *Singapore Academy of Law (SAL).* The entity that oversees the Specialist Accreditation Scheme.
- 1.3. *Specialist.* A legal practitioner or an inhouse counsel who is either an Accredited Specialist or a Senior Accredited Specialist.

## 2. What this Guide Covers

- 2.1 The Specialist Accreditation Scheme attempts to apply the same reaccreditation framework, as set out in the Information Guide for Specialists - General, across all practice areas.
- 2.2 In cases where there are additions or deviations from the said reaccreditation framework for a particular practice area, a separate Guide for that practice area will state those deviations.
- 2.3 **Specialists should read both the Information Guide for Specialists – General and this Guide.**
- 2.4 This Guide covers the said deviations for reaccreditation as a Senior Accredited Specialist or an Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law.

### **3. Maintaining Accreditation – Criteria**

#### **Accredited Specialists**

##### **Substantial involvement**

- 3.1 For legal practitioners: As part of their substantial involvement in B&C law, Accredited Specialists must have been involved in a trial, arbitration or binding adjudication or statutory adjudication at least as second chair, and/or performed front-end work which can include but is not limited to detailed review, drafting and preparation of construction contracts and tenders.

#### **Senior Accredited Specialist**

##### **Substantial involvement**

- 3.2 For legal practitioners: They must have, in the immediate 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, been involved in a trial, arbitration or binding adjudication or statutory adjudication as lead counsel, arbitrator or adjudicator, and/or performed front-end work which can include but is not limited to detailed review, drafting and preparation of construction contracts and tenders.