

Course Information



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Accelerated Route to Fellowship (Virtual) International Arbitration 16 to 20 August 2021, Singapore



10 Public CPD Points

Practice Area: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Training Level: Advanced

What is the aim of the programme?

To provide a fast-track route to Fellowship through the International (i.e. non-domestic) Arbitration Pathway. The Accelerated Route to Fellowship has been designed for busy professionals who have substantial unassessed knowledge and experience of International Arbitration. The aim of the programme is to assess whether the candidate has the knowledge required to apply the principles and procedure of International Arbitration using arbitration legislation based on the UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules and is capable of writing an reasoned and enforceable International Arbitration Award.

Candidates must evaluate their personal suitability to undertake the programme, appreciating that the assessments are intensive and that they will be assessed against standard benchmarks.

This programme focuses on the process, practice and procedures in International Arbitration which is an essential requirement for qualification as a Fellow and for those who aim to practice as an International Arbitrator.

What are the learning outcomes?

On successful completion of this course candidates will be able to:

- Identify and explain in depth all the key elements of the International Arbitration process;
- Evaluate issues and apply the principles of the UNCITRAL Model Law appropriately;
- Demonstrate practical skill in carrying out the tasks required in preparing for and progressing an International Arbitration;
- Demonstrate skill in controlling an International Arbitration, communicating effectively with the parties, applying the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and adopting appropriate procedures.

What is covered within the syllabus?

- Arbitration agreements;
- The legal framework: the importance of the seat, the New York Convention, procedural laws, and procedural rules; conflict of laws, the Rome Convention;
- The use and adoption by State entities of the UNCITRAL Model Law;
- The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts;
- Types of Arbitration: ad-hoc, institutional, documents only, time limited;
- Commencement of the Arbitration, terms of reference;
- Obligations of the Tribunal, responsibilities, and obligations of the parties;
- The Arbitrator's terms and conditions of appointment;
- An Arbitrator's jurisdiction and powers;
- Challenges to jurisdiction, conflicts of interest;
- Managing the Arbitration process: communications, preliminary meeting, interlocutory matters, dealing with factual and opinion evidence and disclosure of documents;
- Security for costs;
- Presenting the claim and the defence: alternative methods;
- Preparation for and procedure at a typical hearing, contrasting common law and civil law jurisdictions;
- Essentials of an enforceable Award;
- Costs, offers and interest; alternative approaches in different jurisdictions.

How is the programme delivered?

This is an assessment programme as opposed to a teaching module. Learning will be based on private study prior to the oral assessment workshop, reinforced by tutor input and peer discussion during the workshop. The programme is delivered virtually over a period of five days, with assessment workshops on the first four days. On day five, candidates will sit for their assessment.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment of this programme is split into three parts, all of which must be passed:

- Assessment 1 - An interactive 4 half-day assessment in a series of workshops, where situations will be presented to candidates in groups for their consideration. Candidate's knowledge, judgment and interactive/self-presentation skills are assessed by oral exercises.
- Assessment 2 - Written exercises before and during the 4-day workshops:
 - one written exercise on arbitration law to be submitted before the assessment workshops (10%)
 - one written exercise on arbitration law to be submitted during the workshops (20%)
 - two written exercises to be submitted on during the workshops (10% each)
 - one written exercise to be completed overnight (30%)
 - one final written exercise (20%)
- Assessment 3 - Final examination for this course is a 48-hour open book examination which can be done within a 5-day window. (70%)

Details of the assessment are as follows:

- Assessment 1 - Oral Exercises: This assessment is on a pass or fail basis. Candidates must pass all the workshop sessions. Candidates who fail the workshop will be required to re-sit this assessment.
- Assessment 2 - Written Exercises: Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 55% to pass this assessment.
- Assessment 3 - Final examination: This is a 48-hour open book examination. Additional information is provided on the day of the assessment in form of the Arbitrator's notebook. Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 70% to pass the course.

Candidates are permitted to use any materials they wish throughout the workshops.

Results are dispatched to candidates normally eight to twelve weeks from the date of the submission of the examination.

What are the entry requirements?

In order to register for the Accelerated Route to Fellowship, candidates must submit evidence to show:

- They have a minimum of 5 years of practical experience of international arbitration either as a representative or an international arbitrator;
- They have substantial knowledge of the framework of international arbitration;
- They can recognise and evaluate evidence;
- They can significantly evaluate and apply the principles and requirements of an international arbitration;
- They can noticeably demonstrate practical skill in the carrying out of tasks required in preparing for and progressing an international arbitration.

Candidates must also register and complete the Module 2 Law of Obligations Exemption Test prior to commencement of the Accelerated Route to Fellowship.

What is the course fee and what does it include?

I. Candidate with Module 2 Law of Obligations Certification

The course fee for Accelerated Route to Fellowship programme is **S\$3,000** per candidate. The fee and a copy of your Module 2 Law of Obligations Certification (course/exemption test) must be submitted with the registration form for the registration to be processed.

The fee includes registration on the course, the first attempt at the assessment, study materials, virtual tutorials, and coursework assessment fee for the Accelerated Route to Fellowship programme.

II. Candidate without Module 2 Law of Obligations Certification

The course fee for Accelerated Route to Fellowship programme is S\$3,000 and Module 2 Exemption Test is S\$150 per candidate. A total of **S\$3,150** must be submitted with the registration form for the registration to be processed.

The fee includes registration on the course, the first attempt at the assessments, study materials, virtual tutorials, and coursework assessment fee for the Accelerated Route to Fellowship and one attempt at the Module 2 Law of Obligations Exemption Test.

What happens when I register for the course?

Upon successful registration on the course, candidates will receive confirmation that they are booked on the course. Joining instructions and course materials will be sent to candidates prior to the course start date by email on the condition that full payment has been received.

Candidates will be provided with an electronic copy of a Workbook to assist them with their studies together with a suggested reading list. It is recommended that candidates are familiar with the UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules and the substantive law in their respective jurisdiction together with the relevant Act(s) and Scheme(s) and important case decisions (where applicable). Candidates should also refer to the recognised standard textbooks to supplement their study in their respective jurisdiction where these are available.

What is CI Arb's policy on cancellation of courses?

CI Arb reserves the right to cancel or change the date, venue or content of programmes and the names of speakers, lecturers and tutors. Candidates will be provided with adequate notice of any change. If the Institute has to cancel a course, candidates will be provided with a full refund or the opportunity to transfer their registration to the next course. Should a candidate wish to cancel his or her registration of a course, notification must be received in writing to secretariat@ciarb.org.sg at least two weeks before the date the course is due to commence. If a candidate fails to give such notice, the CI Arb may apply a cancellation charge of 50% of the course fee or such other amount as it may in its sole discretion determine.

What is the Attendance Policy?

Participants who wish to obtain CPD Points are reminded that they must comply strictly with the Attendance Policy set out in the CPD Guidelines. For this activity, this includes logging in at the start of the webinar and logging out at the conclusion of the webinar on each day of the activity, and not being away from any part of the webinar for more than 15 minutes on each day of the activity. Participants who do not comply with the Attendance Policy on any particular day of the activity will not be able to obtain CPD Points for that day of the activity. Please refer to <http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg> for more information.

This course offers 10 Public CPD Points

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What is my next step when I complete the course?

On successful completion of this programme, candidates:

- ✓ may be eligible to claim CPD points.
- ✓ will be eligible to apply for Member grade of CI Arb and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits.
- ✓ be eligible for a Peer Interview for Fellowship.

To register for the course or for more information, please visit our [website](#) and/or contact Ms. Sunita Tavabalan at STavabalan@ciarb.org.