

# **Specialist Accreditation Scheme**

# **Data and Digital Economy Law Information Guide for Specialists**

This Guide is for specialists on how to maintain their specialist accreditation in Data and Digital Economy Law.

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### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. *Data and Digital Economy (D2E) legal practice.* This is the practice of law relating to “online platforms, and activities that owe their existence to such platforms”, Including “all activities that use digitised data”.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2. *Specialist.* A legal professional 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 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 in Data and Digital Economy Law.

<sup>1</sup> “Measuring the digital economy”, International Monetary Fund, February 2018, para. 6, p. 7  
<file:///C:/Users/gillianchee/Downloads/022818MeasuringDigitalEconomy.pdf>.

### 3. Maintaining Accreditation – Criteria

#### Accredited Specialist

##### Continuing professional development (CPD)

- 3.1 In the 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, Accredited Specialists must have accumulated at least **6 public and/or private CPD points** a year in the practice area for which specialist reaccreditation is sought, 3 of which must be public CPD points.
- 3.2 Accredited Specialist in Data and Digital Economy (D2E) Law must complete one D2E skills module from a list of curated and SAL-approved programmes which will be identified in consultation with the D2E selection panel and the Specialist Accreditation Board.
- 3.3 The D2E skills module must be completed within the first year of accreditation and reaccreditation. If a module is CPD accredited, then completion of the module may also count towards accumulation of CPD points for that year.
- 3.4 The D2E skills module may not be taken more than once.