

# Specialist Accreditation Scheme

# Maritime and Shipping Law Information Guide for Specialists

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

For enquiries relating to the scheme, contact:  
Specialist Accreditation Scheme  
Singapore Academy of Law  
1 Supreme Court Lane  
Level 6, Supreme Court of Singapore  
Singapore 178879  
Tel: +65 6332 4388  
Email: [accreditation@sal.org.sg](mailto:accreditation@sal.org.sg)

## Version Control Record

Version	Effective date	Changes	Author
1.00	1 January 2022		GC
2.00	4 December 2023	Paragraph 1.3 amended by inserting “or an inhouse counsel” after “A legal practitioner”.	GC

## Contents

1. Definitions .....	2
2. What this Guide Covers .....	2
3. Maintaining Accreditation – Criteria .....	3
Senior Accredited Specialist.....	3

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. *Maritime and shipping legal practice.* This is the practice of law relating to all aspects of shipping and admiralty matters but is not limited to advisory, documentation and disputed-related work for all stakeholders of the shipping industry including ship owners, charterers, operators, shipbuilders, cargo interests, insurers and financial institutions.
- 1.2. *Singapore Academy of Law (SAL).* The entity that administers 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 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 Maritime and Shipping Law.

### 3. Maintaining Accreditation – Criteria

#### Senior Accredited Specialist

##### Substantial involvement.

- 3.1 For legal practitioners: Senior Accredited Specialists must show that, in the 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, they have been engaged in full-time practice in the area for which specialist reaccreditation is sought by having dedicated a **minimum billable amount of S\$200,000 or 450 billable hours** a year to the said practice area.
- 3.2 For legal practitioners: They must have, in the immediate 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, been involved in a trial or arbitration as lead counsel or arbitrator, and/or performed front-end work which can include but is not limited to detailed review, drafting and preparation of contracts.
- 3.3 If they have presided over an arbitration, they must include a list of their written awards with their applications.
- 3.4 They are expected to have undertaken work that deals with more complex issues.
- 3.5 **Continuing professional development (CPD).** In the 2 years prior to application for reaccreditation, senior accredited specialists must have accumulated **at least 10 public and/or private CPD points a year** in the said practice area, **5 of which must be public CPD points.**
- 3.6 One of the following CPD activities must be undertaken per year:
  - a. presented a paper for at least 1 hour at a conference, seminar or workshop pertaining to topics on M&S law
  - b. taught a class for at least 1 hour on M&S law at an institution of higher learning
  - c. served as a member on at least two panels that discussed topics relating to M&S law
  - d. served on a committee of a government, professional and/or industry organisation for a term of at least 3 months or an accumulation thereof whose aim is to promote thought leadership in M&S law
  - e. authored or co-authored an article in M&S law for a journal, law review, maritime trade publication or similar periodical
  - f. authored or co-authored a chapter relating to M&S law in a book, treatise or similar publication
- 3.7 Content of the papers, class syllabi, panel discussions, articles and chapters must be submitted to the selection panel for review.