Maritime Arbitrator Accreditation Programme 2026

23 & 24 September 2026 | Location: Singapore

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ABOUT THIS COURSE

SIArb and SCMA are pleased to present the Maritime Arbitrator Accreditation Programme (MAAP) as a standalone course suitable for current and aspiring maritime arbitrators who already have a sound understanding of the fundamentals of the law and practice of arbitration.

SCMA's MAAP comprises two parts: an in-person workshop, consisting of two modules, will be held on 23 September 2026. An online Written Assessment will be held on 24 September 2026.

1. **Module 1:Statutory and Rule Framework for Maritime Arbitration – 2.5 hours (including 15 minutes break)**
   This module will cover an overview of the legal framework for maritime arbitrations, such as the International Arbitration Act 1994 and Arbitration Act 2001, and examines how arbitration agreements operate across charterparties, bills of lading, and sales and supply contracts. The module explains the applicability of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) Rules through the full life-cycle of an SCMA arbitration — from commencement and tribunal constitution to evidence, hearings, technology-enabled proceedings, and expedited procedures, with insights into arbitrator ethics, case management, expert evidence, and cost considerations.

2. **Module 2: Drafting the Award and Practical Issues – 2.5 hours (including 15 minutes break)**
   This module focuses on practical issues that can arise in the course of arbitration and in the drafting of awards. It will explain the different types of arbitral awards, such as Partial, Interim and Final Awards, and the essential elements of a valid award. The module covers pitfalls to avoid as well as specific issues arising from proceedings, such as dealing with jurisdictional challenges, uncooperative parties, and managing hearings.

To complete the MAAP successfully, a candidate must:

(a) Achieve 100% attendance at the lectures; and

(b) Pass the online MAAP Written Assessment.

ABOUT THE COURSE SCHEDULE

23 September 2026	9.00am – 9.15am	Registrations
	9.15am – 10.15am	Module 1: Statutory and Rule Framework for Maritime Arbitration
	10.15am – 10.30am	Break
	10.30am – 11.45pm	Module 1: Statutory and Rule Framework for Maritime Arbitration (cont'd)
	11.45am – 1.15pm	Lunch
	1.15pm – 2.30pm	Module 2: Drafting the Award and Practical Issues
	2.30pm – 2.45pm	Break
	2.45pm – 3.45pm	Module 2: Drafting the Award and Practical Issues (cont'd)
	3.45pm – 4.15pm	Closing Remarks & Briefing on Written Assessment
24 September 2026	10.00am – 12.30pm	Online Written Assessment

ABOUT THE COURSE FACULTY



Mr Toh Kian Sing SC, Senior Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Toh Kian Sing LLB (Hons)(NUS), BCL (Oxon) is a Senior Partner of the Shipping & International Trade Practice Group of Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. Author of the book, Admiralty Law and Practice (3rd edition, 2017), he handles a variety of contentious shipping and commodity work, ranging from charterparty, bills of lading, international sales, letters of credit to shipbuilding claims. Kian Sing also regularly sits as arbitrator in shipping and commodity disputes. Proficient in Chinese, he has developed a practice as counsel and arbitrator in joint venture disputes involving Chinese parties and holds a Visiting Professorship at Dalian Maritime University.



Mr Chan Leng Sun SC, Chartered Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers

Mr Chan Leng Sun SC Chan Leng Sun is a Senior Counsel of the Supreme Court of Singapore and a Chartered Arbitrator with Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice). He is a member of the AIAC Court of Arbitration and the KCAB International Arbitration Court. He is also a member of the JCAA Advisory Board and a delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. He was formerly Deputy Chairman SIAC, President of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) and Global Head of Arbitration of an international law firm. Leng Sun has acted as counsel or arbitrator in arbitrations around the world. He is author of Arbitral Awards, Co-Editor of Conflict of Laws in Arbitration and General Editor of the Singapore Arbitration Journal.

ASSESSMENT

The MAAP Written Assessment is an open-book examination which will be conducted virtually on SIArb's online course portal and/or on its Zoom meeting platform. Each candidate is required to sit for and pass this Written Assessment.

CERTIFICATE GRANTED UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

A candidate who successfully completes only MAAP will be awarded the SIArb-SCMA "Certificate of Completion of the Maritime Arbitrator Accreditation Programme". A candidate who successfully completes FAC and MAAP will be awarded a "Certificate of Fellowship in Maritime Arbitration" jointly issued by SIArb and SCMA. A candidate who has successfully completed the FAC and MAAP may, subject to satisfying other relevant criteria, apply for admission as a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators.

*COURSE FEES

Member of SIArb or SCMA	Non-Member
S$1,500	S$1,700

***MCF Training Grant is available for eligible course participants. Please refer to https://www.mpa.gov.sg/maritimesingapore/what-maritime-singapore-offers/developing-manpower/training@maritimesingapore for information on the MCF Training Grant.*

REGISTRATIONS https://siarb.org.sg/product/maritime-arbitrator-accreditation-programme-2026-2/

Please register and pay online **HERE** by the closing date **9 September 2026.**
For enquiries, please contact the SIArb Secretariat:
Tel: +65 6595 9020 **| E-mail:** secretariat@siarb.org.sg

REGISTRATION, REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

1. The closing date for registration is 9 September 2026 or whenever the MAAP is fully subscribed, whichever is the earlier,
2. Holding of the in-person MAAP is subject to the approval of any relevant government authorities, including the Singapore Tourism Board.
3. SIArb reserves the right to update or amend the details of the programme and/or the faculty without prior notice.
4. No refunds will be made for cancellations or no-shows by those registered. If you are unable to attend MAAP, an equivalent substitute may attend in your place at no extra charge provided that at least 3 days prior written notice is given to SIArb.
5. SIArb reserves the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone MAAP.
6. Mask wearing is optional at all times during the in-person MAAP. Please practice good personal hygiene, including frequent washing of hands.
7. By completing this form, you fully consent to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal data as appears in any form , document or electronic template, by SIArb. [CLICK HERE TO READ OUR PRIVACY POLICY]

SILE ACCREDITED CPD ACTIVITY

Practice Area: Alternative Dispute Resolution Training Level: Advanced
CPD Points: 4.5

SILE 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 signing in on arrival and signing out at the conclusion of the activity in the manner required by the organiser, and not being absent from the entire activity for more than 15 minutes. Participants who do not comply with the Attendance Policy will not be able to obtain CPD Points for attending the activity. Please refer to http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg for more information