SIArb Fellowship Assessment Course 2026 Intake

25 - 26 September 2026
Location: M Hotel Singapore City Centre

Supporting Organisation

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The Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) is pleased to announce the 2026 edition of its Fellowship Assessment Course ("FAC" or "Course"), which is now open for registration.

The FAC will focus on teaching candidates the practical aspects of acting as an arbitrator. To benefit from FAC, candidates should already have a sound grasp of the law of arbitration.

Course Synopsis

The FAC consists of 6 modules with a total of 9 self-study lectures, 6 live practical workshops and two written assessments.

- Module 1 will cover the basic concepts and principles on the sources of law, the law of contract, the law of tort, and the treatment of evidence. Candidates who have obtained a degree in law from a university or other tertiary institution recognised by the SIArb (or such other legal qualifications as the SIArb may in its absolute discretion accept) are exempted from Module 1 and Practical Workshop 1. All other candidates are required to complete Module 1 and attend Practical Workshop 1.

- Module 2 relates to (i) the acceptance of an arbitral appointment, covering topics such as conducting conflict checks and making disclosures before or when accepting an appointment; (ii) dealing with jurisdictional challenges; and (iii) emergency arbitrations.

- Module 3 covers (i) case management in conducting an arbitration; (ii) techniques for controlling time and costs in an arbitration; and (iii) drafting procedural orders.

- Module 4 covers (i) dealing with interlocutory applications; (ii) drafting discovery orders; (iii) dealing with costs of interlocutory applications; (iv) dealing with extension of time applications and guerilla tactics; and (v) dealing with preliminary issues.

- Module 5 covers the conduct of the evidentiary hearing.

- Finally, Module 6 covers the practical aspects of actually writing the Final Award.

During the Practical Workshops, workshop leaders will address questions from candidates and show practical examples of an arbitrator's work product such as procedural orders, Redfern Schedules, discovery orders and interim awards. Candidates will have an opportunity during Practical Workshop 6 to dissect a sample award to see how it should, or should not, be written.

Candidates will be required to complete two written assignments: (i) one overnight written assignment to be released after the end of the first workshop day, and (ii) the Award Writing Examination, during which candidates are to write an enforceable final award.

Criteria for Admission to FAC

- Lawyers or non-lawyers who have at least 10 years of involvement in litigation, arbitration or dispute resolution; OR

- Lawyers or non-lawyers who are or have been active arbitrators, and can provide documentary evidence of such experience; OR

- Those who have successfully completed the International Entry Course conducted by SIArb or such other equivalent course as may be recognised by SIArb; OR

- Those whom SIArb, at its absolute discretion and in the particular circumstances of the case, considers to be suitable candidates for the FAC.

Completion of the Course

To complete the FAC successfully, a candidate must:
(a) Attend all in-person Practical Workshops;
(b) Achieve at least 50% mark for the overnight written assignment; and
(c) Achieve at least 60% for the Award Writing Examination.

A candidate who has successfully completed the FAC may, subject to satisfying other relevant criteria, apply for admission as a Fellow of the SIArb.

SIArb awards a prize for the best arbitral award written by a candidate in the FAC 2026.

The winner of the prize will be announced at SIArb's Annual Dinner.

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Programme	Date	Time	Format
Self-learning Lectures	23 Aug – 23 Sep 2026	N.A.	Online Learning Portal
Virtual Workshop 1	24 Sep 2026	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Online via Zoom
In-Person Workshop 2-4	25 Sep 2026	9.00am – 5:00pm	In-Person at M Hotel Singapore City Centre
Overnight Assignment	The assignment will be released on the SIArb online course portal at 6:00PM on 25 September 2026. Candidates are to return the completed assignments by or before 9:00AM on 26 September 2026.		
In-Person Workshop 5-6	26 Sep 2026	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	In-Person at M Hotel Singapore City Centre
Online Award Writing Examination	28 Sep 2026	9:30am – 1:00 pm	Online via Zoom

Note: SIArb reserves the right to allocate candidates to groups for the Practical Workshops. Candidates should ensure they are available for the full day on both dates. Programme is subject to change.

Format & Delivery

SIArb will conduct the FAC in a hybrid format as follows,

- Lectures will be delivered as on-demand Zoom webinar recordings, accessible via the Online Course Portal during the course schedule above. Each candidate must view them in sequence and in its entirety. The first lecture is preceded by an Introductory Video by the Course Director. The total scheduled duration of all lectures is about 13.5 hours and will be available for self-study via the Online Course Portal.
- Practical Workshop 1 will conducted remotely on Zoom on 24 September 2026.
- Practical Workshops 2-6 will be conducted in-person at the Workshop venue on 25 and 26 September 2026.
- Candidates must attend each Practical Workshop in full, on the dates specified in the course schedule above. The total scheduled duration of all 6 Practical Workshops is 9 hours.
- The overnight assignment is an open-book assignment which will be released at 6:00PM (SGT) on 25 September 2026 (i.e. at the end of Practical Workshop Day 1) on the SIArb online course portal. Completed assignments must be submitted by or before 9:00AM (SGT) on 26 September 2026 (i.e. before the beginning of Practical Workshop Day 2).
- The Award Writing Examination is an open-book assessment which will be conducted virtually on the online course portal and on the Zoom meeting platform over a period of 3.5 hours (inclusive of a 30-minute reading period) on the date specified in the Course Schedule.

Technical Requirements

To properly participate in the Course, you will require the following which must be put in place before the Practical Workshops, overnight assignment and Online Award Writing Examinations (no exceptions will be entertained):

- A laptop or desktop computer, as candidates are required to submit both the overnight assignment and Award Writing Examination in electronic format (Word or PDF). Access via mobile phone or other mobile devices is not encouraged.
- Internet browser and stable Internet access – a wired connection is recommended, especially during the Award Writing Examination.
- A video camera (either external or built-in to your laptop or computer) to participate in the Award Writing Examination.
- Zoom Client for Meetings - Please ensure you have updated to the latest version due to frequent security upgrades and that your laptop/computer meets the minimum requirements for the use of Zoom.

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Module	Description	Lecture / Workshop
Introduction	**Introduction to FAC and its objectives**	
Module 1	**Sources of Law** • Common Law • Equity • Statute • Court system • Doctrine of stare decisis	Lecture 1
	Law of Contract • Essential ingredients of a binding and enforceable contract – offer, acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations • Privity of Contract • Rules of Interpretation of Contracts • Express and Implied Terms • Assignment and Novation • Discharge of contract by breach • Remedies for breach of contract • Damages – liquidated and unliquidated damages; remoteness; ordinary and extraordinary damages	Lecture 2
	Law of Tort • What is a tort – difference between tortious claim and contractual claim • Nature of vicarious liability • Negligence • Misrepresentation • Economic Tort • Remedies	Lecture 3
	Evidence • What is “evidence” • Relevance of rules of evidence in arbitration • Burden of proof • Standard of proof • Admissibility versus weight • Weighing the evidence – relevance and reliability	Lecture 4
	Review of Module 1	Workshop 1
Module 2	**Accepting the Appointment** • Conflict Check – what to look out for • IBA Guidelines on Conflict of Interests • Disclosures • Verifying Jurisdiction – identifying the arbitration agreement; whether dispute falls within scope of arbitration agreement • Ascertaining seat; arbitral institution; arbitration rules; composition of tribunal; language • Dealing with Jurisdictional Challenges • Doctrine of “competence – competence” • Due process • When and how to	Lecture 5
	Practical Workshop for Module 2	Workshop 2

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Module	Description	Lecture / Workshop
	• Accepting the Appointment and Challenges to Jurisdiction: Practical exercise • Q&A on Module 2	
Module 3	**Case Management** • First Procedural Meeting – when to hold one • Matters to be dealt with at First Procedural Meeting • Adoption of Rules and Guidelines • Prague Rules • IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence • Procedural Timetable – How far should it go • Subsequent procedural meetings **Techniques for Controlling Time and Costs** • ICC Report on such techniques **Drafting Procedural Orders** • How to draft, what to say • Can procedural orders be appealed against or set aside and what is the significance of this	Lecture 6
	Practical Workshop for Module 3 • Examples of Procedural Orders to see how they are written • Q&A on Module 3	Workshop 3
Module 4	**Dealing with Interlocutory Applications** • Common applications to expect - Amendment of pleadings; security for costs; injunctions; production of documents **Drafting Discovery Orders** • Use of Redfern Schedule; How to draft a discovery order; Costs of application **Costs of Interlocutory Applications** • Does the Tribunal have power to award costs on interlocutory applications • Award now or later **Dealing with Extension of Time Applications and Guerilla Tactics** • How not to breach the rules of natural justice **Dealing with Preliminary Issues** • Interim and Partial Awards	Lecture 7
	Practical Workshop for Module 4 • Examples of Redfern Schedules to see how they are used • Examples of Discovery Orders and Interim Awards to see what they say and how they say it	Workshop 4
Module 5	**Conducting the Evidentiary Hearing** • Pre-Hearing Conference – what should be discussed • Core Bundle of Documents for Hearing • Privacy of Hearing • Timetable and Allocation of Time • Timekeeping – whether or not to guillotine • Opening Submissions • Calling of Witnesses; Administering Oaths and Affirmations	Lecture 8

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Module	Description	Lecture / Workshop
	• Expert Witnesses – how should they and their evidence be treated; • Witness Conferencing or "Hot Tubbing" – How is this done; how to prepare for it • Dealing with objections during examination of witnesses • Pitfalls – Entering the arena - what the Tribunal should not do during the evidentiary hearing • Closing Submissions • Virtual Hearings	
	Practical Workshop for Module 5 • Q&A on Module 5	Workshop 5
Module 6	**Writing the Award** • Closing the Proceedings – when to do so • Time for submission of Award • Partial Award or Final Award – e.g. bifurcation; reserving issues of costs and interest • Structure and components of Award – "Introduction" to "Dispositive" • Dealing with agreed issues framed by parties – Must Tribunal deal with even the irrelevant ones; Can Tribunal • reframe or consolidate or depart from them • Techniques and tools for drafting the Award • Pitfalls – what to avoid in writing the Award • Awarding Costs • Awarding Interest • Scrutiny by arbitral institution	Lecture 9
	Practical Workshop for Module 6 • Dissecting a sample Award to see how it should be (or should not) be drafted	Workshop 6
	Course Director's Closing Remarks & Briefing on Online Examination	
Conclusion	Award Writing Examination	

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To note

SIArb offers an Online Refresher Course on the Law of Arbitration which candidates for the FAC can add on to view 9.5 hours of comprehensive online lectures on

- An Introduction to Arbitration
- Arbitration Agreement, Commencement and The Tribunal
- Arbitration Procedure
- The Award; Recognition & Enforcement of Awards

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Registration

Registration category	SIArb Member	Non-Member
Full Course (Module 1- 6, Exam)	S$3,300	S$3,600
Full Course with Module 1 Exemption (Module 2 – 6, Exam)	S$2,700	S$3,000
Module 6 + Examination Only (Available for retest candidates and by special exemption only)	S$1,200	S$1,400

REGISTER HERE

Terms & Conditions

- The closing date for registrations is **30 August 2026** or whenever the FAC is fully subscribed, whichever is the earlier.
- SIArb reserves the right to update or amend the details of the programme and/or the faculty without prior notice.
- No refunds will be made for cancellations or no-shows by those registered. If you are unable to attend the Course or any part thereof, an equivalent and eligible substitute may attend in your place at no extra charge provided that at least 7 days written notice prior to the commencement of the self-study period.
- SIArb reserves the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the Course.
- SIArb will not provide physical copies of reading materials, lecture of presentation slides. Instead, each candidate who has been successfully registered for FAC will receive personalised login details to SIArb's Online Course Portal to access all reading materials, lecture videos, presentation sllides and the online examination. Should any candidate wish to obtain a physical folder with printed reading materials, a separate fee will apply.
- By registering, 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: Module 2 to 4 – 4.5 Public CPD Points
Module 5 to 6 – 3.5 Public CPD Points

SILE Attendance Policy
Participants who wish to obtain CPD Points must comply strictly with the Attendance Policy set out in the CPD Guidelines. For this activity, participants are reminded to sign in on arrival and sign out at the conclusion of each day of the event in the manner required by the organiser. Participants must not be absent from each day of the event for more than 15 minutes. Participants who do not comply with the Attendance Policy on any particular day of the event will not be able to obtain CPD Points for that day.
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