

SUMMARY OF CHANGES INTRODUCED BY 2016 CPD REGULATIONS			
	2015 CYCLE	2016 CYCLE	2017 CYCLE
Minimum overall CPD requirement	16 hours (which must comprise the minimum requirements in both management and professional development skills and regulatory matters)	18 hours (which must comprise the minimum requirements in both management and professional development skills and regulatory matters)	20 hours (which must comprise the minimum requirements in both management and professional development skills and regulatory matters)
Minimum management and professional development skills requirement	Three hours	Three hours	Three hours
Minimum regulatory matters requirement	One hour	A solicitor (including a senior practitioner) who is a 'sole practitioner' or a 'compliance partner' and/or an 'anti-money-laundering compliance partner' is required to undertake a minimum of three hours of regulatory matters, of which at least two hours shall be accounting and anti-money-laundering compliance. All other solicitors (who are not a 'sole practitioner' or a 'compliance partner' and/or an 'anti-money-laundering compliance partner' are required to undertake a minimum of two hours of regulatory matters	
Maximum daily CPD limit	Seven hours	Seven hours	Seven hours
Group study requirement	Three or more people (includes a 'live feed' of a conference/seminar)	Physical attendance is required, in a group of three or more people (does not include a 'live feed' of a conference/seminar)	
Maximum e-learning limit	Five hours	Nine hours	Ten hours
Maximum 'writing relevant material that is published' limit	Three hours	Nine hours	Ten hours
Modification of the minimum 2016 CPD requirement	Permitted in certain specified circumstances. The minimum one hour's regulatory matters requirement may not be reduced proportionately and must always be complied with	Permitted in specified circumstances. A solicitor (including a senior practitioner) who is a 'sole practitioner' or a 'compliance partner' and/or an 'anti-money-laundering compliance partner' is required to undertake as part of his/her modified CPD requirement at least three hours of regulatory matters, of which at least two hours shall be accounting and anti-money-laundering compliance. All other solicitors (who are not a 'sole practitioner' or a 'compliance partner' and/or an 'anti-money-laundering compliance partner') are required to undertake a minimum of two hours of regulatory matters.	
Attendance at meetings of committees and/or working groups of the Society or other law-related professional bodies	Maximum of seven hours (general CPD only) may be claimed per cycle	Maximum of seven hours (any category) may be claimed per cycle	
Performing adjudicative functions	Maximum of seven hours (general CPD only) may be claimed per cycle	Maximum of seven hours (any category) may be claimed per cycle	