



Course Information

Accelerated Route to Membership in International Arbitration

16 November 2026 | Singapore | In-person



Public CPD Points: 6.5 (TBC)

Practice area: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Training Level: Advanced

What is the aim of the course

Fast-track your route to becoming a Ciarb member through the International Arbitration Pathway.

The Accelerated Route to Membership has been designed for busy professionals who have some unassessed knowledge of International Arbitration. The aim of the course is to assess whether the candidate has the knowledge required to understand the process of International Arbitration.

Candidates must evaluate their personal suitability to undertake the course, appreciating that the assessments are intensive and that they will be assessed against standard benchmarks.

The course covers the law underpinning the process and procedure of International Arbitration. It is therefore valuable for anyone who is conversant with the law and practice of International Arbitration generally, whether as a party or party representative. It is also an essential step for anyone aiming for Fellowship and for those who aim to practice as an Arbitrator.

What are the learning outcomes?

On successful completion of this course, candidates will be able to:

- Explain the principles and specific legal requirements in an International Arbitration:
 - The legal framework including limitations of matters that may legally be arbitrated

- The contractual nature of the appointment of an Arbitrator
- The rights, duties and responsibilities of a party to an Arbitration
- The range and limitations of an Arbitrator's powers and jurisdiction
- The methods of initiating and processing an Arbitration
- The relevance of the court regarding all stages in an Arbitration
- The requirements of an enforceable Award
- Evaluate and apply the principles and legal requirements of an International Arbitration
- Identify, explain and apply the legal procedural principles, rules and arguments relevant to the conduct of an International Arbitration

What is covered within the syllabus?

- Fundamental principles of the Arbitration process
- The UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules
- The Arbitration agreement
- Commencement of an Arbitration and appointment of an Arbitrator
- Obligations of the Tribunal, responsibilities and obligations of the parties
- An Arbitrator's jurisdiction and powers
- The Arbitration process: meetings, timetable, submissions, experts, disclosure, hearings
- The powers of the Court
- Interest and Costs
- Essentials of an enforceable Award
- Challenges, appeals and enforcement

How is the programme delivered?

This is an assessment course as opposed to a teaching module. Learning will be based on private study prior to the oral assessment workshop, reinforced by tutor input and peer discussion during the workshop.

The course is delivered over a period of two days, with in-person assessment workshops on the day one (16 November 2026). On day two (19 November 2026), candidates will be given 48 consecutive hours within a 5-day window to submit their answers online for the final assessment.

A pre-course assessment will be released on 2 November 2026 and due for submission before the commencement of the course.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment of this course is split into three parts, all of which must be passed.

- Assessment 1 – A written assignment to be submitted before the course (20%).
- Assessment 2 – An interactive 1-day assessment in a series of workshops, where situations will be presented to candidates in groups for their consideration. Candidate's knowledge, judgment and interactive/self-presentation skills are assessed by oral exercises.
- Assessment 3 – A 48-hour coursework assessment, split into two parts

Details of the assessment are as follows:

- Assessment 1 (Assignment)
 - A written assignment to be submitted before the programme (20%).
 - This assessment is not on a pass or fail basis. The mark achieved will contribute up to 20% of the final mark.
- Assessment 2 (Workshop)
 - An interactive 1-day assessment in a series of workshops, where situations will be presented to candidates in groups for their consideration. Candidate's knowledge, judgment and interactive/self-presentation skills are assessed by oral exercises.
 - This assessment is on a pass or fail basis. Candidates must pass all the workshop sessions. Candidates who fail the workshop will be required to re-sit this assessment.
- Assessment 3 (Assignment)
 - This assessment is completed via LearnADR, CI Arb's online learning platform, and will be split into two parts.
 - (Part One) Is a case study exercise with a number of questions that candidates will be required to answer. Available marks: 40.
 - (Part Two) Will consist of five questions, candidates are required to select and answer three. Available marks: 60 (20% per question).
 - This assessment is on a pass or fail basis. The mark achieved will contribute up to 80% of the final mark. Candidates will be given 48 consecutive hours within a 5-day window starting from 19 November 2026, 12pm UK Time to submit their answers online.

The overall assessment is based upon the combined marks of Assessment 1 and Assessment 3. Candidates must achieve a minimum overall mark of 65% to pass the course.

Results are dispatched to candidates approximately twelve weeks from the date of the submission of the assessment.

What are the entry requirements?

In order to register onto the Accelerated Route to Membership, candidates must submit evidence to show that they have extensive knowledge of the framework and skills required to conduct an international arbitration, including:

- Being able to identify, explain and apply the legal procedural principles, rules and agreements relevant to the conduct an International Arbitration.
- The contractual nature of the appointment of an Arbitrator, the range and limitations of an Arbitrator's powers and jurisdiction, the rights, duties and responsibilities of a party to an Arbitration.
- The methods of initiating and processing an Arbitration, the relevance of the court regarding all stages in an Arbitration, the requirements of an enforceable Award, evaluate and apply the principles and legal requirements of an International Arbitration.
- Evaluate issues and apply the principles of the UNCITRAL Model Law as well as a regional Arbitration law, demonstrate practical skill in carrying out the tasks required in preparing for and progressing an International Arbitration, and demonstrate skill in controlling an International Arbitration, communicating effectively with the parties, applying the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and adopting appropriate procedures.

What is the course fees and what does it include?

Course Fees: S\$2,200

The fee includes registration on the course, study materials, tutorials, assessment workshops and coursework assessment fee. Lunch and refreshments throughout the duration of the course will be provided. For a copy of the course schedule, please email us at secretariat@ciarb.org.sg.

What happens when I register for the course?

Upon successful registration on the course, candidates will receive confirmation that they are booked on the course. Joining instructions and course materials will be sent to candidates prior to the course start date by email on the condition **that full payment has been received**.

Candidates will be provided with an electronic copy of a Workbook to assist them with their studies together with a suggested reading list. It is recommended that candidates are familiar with the UNCITRAL Model Law and Arbitration Rules and the substantive law in their respective jurisdiction together with the relevant Act(s) and Scheme(s) and important case decisions (where applicable). Candidates should also refer to the recognised standard arbitration textbooks to supplement their study in their respective jurisdiction.

What is Ciarb's policy on cancellation of courses?

Ciarb reserves the right to cancel or change the date, venue or content of course and the names of speakers, lecturers and tutors. Candidates will be provided with adequate notice of any change. If the Institute has to cancel a course, candidates will be provided with a full refund or the opportunity to transfer their registration to the next course. Should a candidate wish to cancel his or her registration of a course, notification must be received in writing to secretariat@ciarb.org.sg at least two weeks before course commencement. If a candidate fails to give such notice, the Ciarb may apply a cancellation charge of 50% of the course fee or such other amount as it may in its sole discretion determine.

What is the 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. Please refer to <http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg> for more information.

What is my next step when I complete the course?

On successful completion of this course, candidates will:

- ✓ be eligible to claim CPD points.
- ✓ be able to progress onto Module 2: Law of Obligations of the International Arbitration Pathway.
- ✓ be eligible to apply for Member grade of Ciarb and take advantage of a range of educational and professional benefits.

Course Director and Faculty Member



Jonathan Choo

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Jonathan is an independent dispute resolver specialising in arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation and litigation, both internationally and domestically. He is dual-qualified as an Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore and a Solicitor in England & Wales. He is also registered as a Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths in Singapore.

Having spent over 20 years practising in some of the largest Singapore and international law firms handling a range of significant and high-value disputes, arbitrations and mediations in Singapore and more widely in Asia and Europe and the United States, Jonathan has established himself as a leading practitioner in the areas of dispute resolution and international arbitration, both as a trusted Counsel and as an Arbitrator and Mediator.

His general commercial disputes background covers complex commercial, international trade, technology, media and broadcasting, construction, projects and infrastructure, insurance (non-marine) and IP disputes. He has successfully represented individuals, MNCs, banks, international contractors, media and broadcasting agencies, telecoms operators and consultants in a variety of disputes.

	Jonathan has advised and represented clients in arbitrations conducted under all the major institutional rules, including the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Rules, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Rules, the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) Rules, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) Rules and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Rules. He is also an experienced mediation counsel and Mediator, having conducted and represented parties in many mediation hearings, including at the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) and the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC).
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Faculty Member

	Hanna Azkiya Senior Associate (Indonesia) at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer's International Arbitration Group, Singapore Hanna advises clients on complex cross-border commercial disputes, with a particular focus on Indonesia-related matters. She has represented corporates, investors, sovereign wealth funds, state-owned entities and States in international arbitrations under the rules of leading arbitral institutions, including ICSID, SIAC, ICC, and GAFTA, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations conducted under the UNCITRAL and SCMA Arbitration Rules. Her principal areas of practice include commercial disputes, joint venture and shareholder disputes, projects and energy, and investor-State arbitration. Hanna also advises on sensitive special matters and government or regulatory investigations, particularly where those issues arise alongside major commercial disputes. She has additional experience in charterparty and commodities trading disputes, and completed a secondment with J.P. Morgan's Commodities Trading Legal Group in Singapore.
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	Hanna also accepts appointments as an arbitrator. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), an accredited mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI), and a member of the Sage Mediation Panel of International Mediators. Beyond her practice, Hanna serves as an Adjunct Professor at her alma mater, Universitas Indonesia. Hanna is listed in the Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal) Arbitration Future Leaders – Non-Partners rankings in 2024, 2025 and 2026.
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Faculty Member

	Kang Yanyi Partner, Allen & Gledhill Yanyi's practice focuses on international arbitration, specialising in Singapore, Myanmar and China-related disputes across a wide range of industries, including manufacturing and distribution (especially pharmaceutical, petrochemical, and semiconductor companies), real estate development, construction and engineering, telecommunications, banking and finance, and energy. She was seconded to Allen & Gledhill (Myanmar) from 2017 to 2019, with a focus on advising on commercial disputes, instructing local advocates in Myanmar court proceedings and acting as counsel in international arbitrations.. She now spends more than half her time in China to grow the firm's international arbitration practice, and is bilingual in English and Mandarin. Yanyi is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Director of the Singapore branch. On 1 July 2024, Yanyi was appointed as a Singapore Delegate to the International Chamber of Commerce Commission on Arbitration and ADR for
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	a three-year term. She is a Trainer for the Law Society's Practice Training Advocacy Course and a member of its Foreign Bar Liaison Committee – China Chapter. Yanyi is an Accredited Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, a Singapore International Mediation Institute Accredited Mediator Level 1, and is appointed to the panel of the Law Society Mediation Scheme.
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