

FACT SHEET 1**Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill 2011**
Singapore Institute of Legal Education (SILE)

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1. The Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill establishes the new Singapore Institute of Legal Education.

FUNCTIONS OF THE SILE

2. In addition to the current narrower remit of the Board of Legal Education (eg. the administration of Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations (formerly the Postgraduate Practical Law Course) which involves the registration, training, education and examination of persons seeking to be admitted as lawyers in Singapore), the SILE will exercise the following expanded functions:
 - (a) Maintaining and improving the standards of legal education in Singapore;
 - (b) Conducting the Foreign Practitioner Examination, which will entitle a foreign practitioner to register with the Attorney-General to practise certain permitted areas of Singapore law; and
 - (c) Determining the requirements for, and coordinating and exercising supervision over, the new continuing professional development obligations that will eventually be introduced for the legal profession.

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SILE

3. The SILE will be a statutory body governed by the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL).
4. The management of SILE's affairs will lie with its Dean, who will report to the SILE Board of Directors. The Board will comprise representatives from various stakeholders in the legal fraternity, including the Attorney-General, the President of the Singapore Law Society and the Deans of the NUS and SMU law schools.