

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What does the Ministry of Law do?

The Ministry of Law advances access to justice, the rule of law, the economy and society through policy, law and services.

2. What is SGLaw200 and the Rule of Law?

This year, the Ministry of Law marks SGLaw200 – 200 years since the Second Charter of Justice was enacted, introducing a common set of laws for all, regardless of race, culture, or religion, and establishing Singapore's modern legal system today.

The Rule of Law has been the foundation which underpins Singapore's development, and we pledge to strengthen and evolve the Rule of Law for Singapore's continued prosperity and peace. As part of SGLaw200, the Ministry of Law is organising a series of activities, such as these student competitions.

3. Who can participate in this competition?

Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident students who are currently in Upper Primary, Secondary, or Pre-University may participate in the respective competition category as follow:

- a. Upper Primary: Primary 4 to Primary 6; individual entry.
- b. Secondary: Secondary 1 to Secondary 5; individual entry.
- c. Pre-University: Institute of Technical Education, Junior College, Polytechnic; group entry of 3 to 4 members

4. Can students submit more than one entry?

No, each student can only submit one entry. For students in the Pre-University category, please submit only one entry as a group. If there are duplicate entries, the latest entry will be considered the final submission.

5. Do students need to register for the competitions through their schools, or can they directly submit the entries to the Ministry of Law?

Students do not have to register through their schools. They may directly submit the entries to the Ministry of Law via the links provided below.

Upper Primary – <https://go.gov.sg/whylawmattersupperpri>

Secondary – <https://go.gov.sg/whylawmatterssec>

Pre- University – <https://go.gov.sg/whylawmatterspreu>

6. Are home-schooled students eligible to participate in this competition?

Yes, home-schooled students are welcome to participate in the category corresponding to their age group. Please indicate "Home School" under the *School Name* field and use your personal email address.

7. What are the required formats and specifications for the work to be submitted?

For the Upper Primary and Secondary categories, the images of the art pieces must be submitted at a high resolution (minimum 300 dpi) and in JPEG or PNG format.

For the Pre-University category, the video must be submitted with a quality of at least 720p and in MP4 format.

8. Are students allowed to include content (e.g. write-up, captions, dialogue) in a non-English language?

As the primary language for the competitions is English, the majority of content should be in the English language. If any content is in non-English language(s), they should be kept minimal and must be accompanied with English translation.

9. Is there any restriction or guideline regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools?

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools is allowed for Upper Primary students when supervised by parents or teachers, and independently for other student levels, to research the subject matter of Rule of Law and for grammar assistance. Students remain responsible for the final verification of factual accuracy through, e.g. referencing verified sources of information, and this will be considered by judges when assessing the content of entries.

10. For the Pre-University category, must every group have exactly four members, and can the group members be from different institutions?

For the Pre-University category, each group is to have three to four members. Groups with only one or two members will be disqualified.

Group members can be from different institutions, as long as each group member qualifies for the Pre-University category (i.e. students from Institute of Technical Education, Junior College, Polytechnic).

11. What are the judging criteria?

The entries will be assessed based on content and creativity.

For avoidance of doubt, students do not need to have prior legal knowledge to participate in these competitions. The focus is on featuring students' appreciation and understanding of the Rule of Law and its impact on daily life, and not on technical legal knowledge.

12. Will students' submitted entries be used and/or showcased in other Ministry of Law events and publicity materials?

Submitted entries may be used and/or showcased in other Ministry of Law events and publicity materials. For example, the winning entries may be publicly featured at the SGLaw200 microsite, other SGLaw200 activities, or the Ministry of Law's partner events.

13. What are the prizes and when will I be notified?

Prize winners will be notified via email by September 2026. The prizes for each winning category are as follow:

	Upper Primary (Individual)	Secondary (Individual)	Pre-University (Group)
1 st Prize	\$250 mall voucher	\$250 mall voucher	\$1,000 mall voucher
2 nd Prize	\$150 mall voucher	\$150 mall voucher	\$600 mall voucher
3 rd Prize	\$100 mall voucher	\$100 mall voucher	\$400 mall voucher
5 X Consolation Prizes	\$50 mall voucher	\$50 mall voucher	\$200 mall voucher

14. Who can students reach out to if they have queries which are not addressed above?

Pico Art International Pte Ltd is the vendor appointed by the Ministry of Law for the SGLaw200 student competitions. Students may email Pico Art International Pte Ltd at *student_competitions_sglaw200@pico.com* if they have any query.