

Dispute Resolution Policy & Procedure

Dispute Resolution Policy for Students

- For purpose of the College's **Dispute Resolution Policy** and procedures, it will cover any students' official complaints that the College receive from any channels and should be communicated to students and aligned with the Private Education Regulations.
- All complaints must be properly recorded and /or documented. Any correspondence (including actions taken) between the College and the complainant must be annexed as evidences. This is to ensure that any staffs handling the case are kept aware of the progress / outcomes.
- In the event of any appeals for retention, suspension, expulsion and awards, the College's Dispute Policy and Process shall follow.
- **Student Services Department** is to respond to respective students **within 3 working days** of receipt of any complaints received. This is to ensure that students are aware that the College is aware of the Complaint received and is in the process of handling it.
- All feedbacks / complaints must be resolved **within 21 working days**. In the event that the deadline is not adhered to, respective students must be notified and the reasons with regards to the delay must be made known.
- In the event that the College and the student cannot come to an agreement or the student does not accept the final decision made by the College's Management Team, they will be referred to Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) or Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb) through CPE Student Services Centre for mediation.

Dispute Resolution Procedure for Students

Students who wish to provide any official complaints to the College should adhere to the following procedure:

- Students are to approach the **Student Services Department** to request for a **Feedback Form**. Alternatively, students can fill up the **Feedback Form** and send it via email or via an online link to the College.
- The **Student Services Department** is to acknowledge the feedback / complaint received. This should be done **within 3 working days**.
- **Student Services Department** will review the feedback / complaint and discuss it with relevant parties on issue raised. A formal investigation will be carried out if necessary.
- Relevant parties will then propose a solution for the issue raised and the **Student Services Department** will explain it clearly to the student. This should be done **within 7 working days** upon receipt of the Complaint.
- The student should acknowledge the situation **within 14 working days**, whether he / she accepts or is satisfied with the proposed solution.
- If the student is not satisfied with the proposed solution, he / she can escalate the matter up to the **Executive Director** (for non-academic issues) or the **Academic Manager** (for academic issues). The respective person will investigate the case and take necessary actions to resolve it.

- If the student is still not satisfied with the outcome / decision, he / she will be referred to the [Singapore Mediation Centre](#) (SMC) or [Singapore Institute of Arbitrators](#) (SI Arb) through the Committee for Private Education Student Services Centre.
- The entire process should not take [more than 21 working days](#) unless otherwise specified. Students need to be informed of the reason as to why it is so and justification needs to be provided by the College. Justifications need to be recorded on the [Feedback Form](#) under the Remarks section.
- For suggestions and compliments, they can be generic and / or positive. This would not be covered under the Dispute Resolution Policy and Procedure.