

MEDIA RELEASE

20 July 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE REPORTING

CPE Filed Charges Against Manager of Process College

1. The Council for Private Education (CPE) has filed charges with the Magistrate's Court against Duclos Hazel Margaret, manager of Process College Private Limited, for the following contraventions of the Private Education Act, and Regulations:

- Section 41(1)(a) – Failure to perform the duties of a manager in keeping proper records of student contracts
- Section 60(2)(a) – Failure to comply with a direction issued by the CPE to refund students
- Private Education Regulation 6(1) read with section 41(1)(f) of the Private Education Act – Failure to obtain permission of the CPE before any change in the registered premises of the private education institution (PEI) is carried out

2. The punishment for each of the three offences is a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both. In the case of a continuing offence, there is a further fine not exceeding \$1,000 for every day or part thereof during which the offences continue after conviction.

3. All PEIs should seek to meet the CPE's regulatory standards, to maintain public confidence in the private education sector. The CPE will not hesitate to take errant PEIs to task and take the appropriate enforcement action against a PEI or its managers for contravening the Private Education Act.

About the Council for Private Education

The Council for Private Education (CPE) is a statutory board established in December 2009 to regulate the private education industry. The Council has implemented two schemes – the mandatory Enhanced Registration Framework and the EduTrust Certification scheme – to uplift and maintain standards in the private education sector. Besides its role as a sectoral regulator, the Council also provides student services and public education through its Student Services Centre, and seeks to enhance the capabilities and quality of the private education sector. For more information, please visit the CPE website at <http://www.cpe.gov.sg/>.

Issued by the Council for Private Education

For media enquiries, please contact:

Andy Ong
Manager, Corporate Communications
Council for Private Education
Tel: 6499 0363
Email: Andy_Ong@cpe.gov.sg

Karen Au-Yong
Deputy Director, Corporate Communications
Council for Private Education
Tel: 6499 0351
Email: Karen_Au_Yong@cpe.gov.sg