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## **Manager of Process College sentenced to jail and fined for contravening Private Education Act**

Duclos Hazel Margaret, manager of Process College Private Limited (Process College), was today sentenced to four weeks jail for contravening Section 60(2)(a), and fined \$5,000, or in default faces a jail term of two weeks for contravening Section 41(1)(a) of the Private Education Act<sup>[1]</sup>. This is the first prosecution case for the Council for Private Education (CPE) that has led to a jail sentence.

2 Details of the contraventions are as follows:

- Private Education Act, Section 41(1)(a) – Failure to perform the duties of a manager in keeping proper records of student contracts
- Private Education Act, Section 60(2)(a) – Failure to ensure that Process College complies with a direction issued by the CPE to refund students

3 On the outcome of the Court’s decision, Mr Henry Heng, CPE’s Chief Executive Officer, said “The Court’s decision sends the strong signal that the welfare of students will be protected at all costs against errant PEIs and managers. The CPE will continue to keep a vigilant watch to ensure that all PEIs meet the mandatory registration requirements and legislative obligations. We will also step up efforts in consumer education so that students can make informed decisions on their choice of course and school.”

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<sup>[1]</sup> The Private Education Act can be found at [www.cpe.gov.sg/legislation/private-education-act](http://www.cpe.gov.sg/legislation/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. Its mission is to raise standards in the private education sector through effective regulation, industry development and consumer education. To achieve this, 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 through industry development. For more information, please visit the CPE website at <http://www.cpe.gov.sg/>.

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