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## **No. S 911**

### **ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW ACT 1966**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW (HAJ) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 88C of the Administration of Muslim Law Act 1966, the Majlis Ugama Islam, Singapura, with the approval of Mr Masagos Zulkifli, the Minister charged with the responsibility for Muslim affairs, makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Administration of Muslim Law (Haj) (Amendment) Rules 2022 and come into operation on 1 December 2022.

#### **Amendment of rule 2**

2. In rule 2 of the Administration of Muslim Law (Haj) Rules (R 6) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), delete the definition of “approved Haj year”.

#### **Amendment of rule 2A**

3. In rule 2A of the principal Rules —

(a) replace paragraph (2) with —

“(2) An application under paragraph (1) or (1A) must be in such form and manner as the Majlis thinks fit and accompanied by an application fee of —

(a) for an application made before 1 January 2024 — \$240;

(b) for an application made on or after 1 January 2024 but before 1 January 2026 — \$285; and

(c) for an application made on or after 1 January 2026 — \$330.”;

(b) replace paragraph (4) with —

“(4) The Majlis may refuse to approve an application made under paragraph (1) or (1A) if the application contains false or misleading information.”; and

(c) delete paragraphs (8) and (9).

#### **Amendment of rule 2B**

4. In rule 2B of the principal Rules —

(a) replace paragraph (1) with —

“(1) Where an approval has been granted under rule 2A(3) to a person to perform the Haj, the Majlis shall, before allocating a place to the person for the performance of the Haj in any year (called in this rule the allocated Haj year), cause a notice to be served on that person to ascertain whether the person is able to perform the Haj in the allocated Haj year.”;

(b) in paragraph (2), replace “approved Haj year concerned” with “allocated Haj year”;

(c) in paragraph (4), replace “approved Haj year” with “allocated Haj year”; and

(d) replace paragraphs (5) and (6) with —

“(5) If —

(a) the person informs the Majlis that the person is not able to perform the Haj in the allocated Haj year within the time stated in the notice or such other time as the Majlis may allow for that particular case; and

(b) the notice is the second or subsequent notice issued to the person under paragraph (1),

the approval granted under rule 2A(3) is deemed to be cancelled unless the person obtains the approval of the Majlis for a deferment.”.

### **Replacement of rule 2C**

5. In the principal Rules, replace rule 2C with —

#### **“Allocation by balloting**

**2C.—(1)** Where —

(a) the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia notifies the Majlis of additional places for citizens or permanent residents of Singapore for the performance of the Haj in a year; and

(b) the Majlis receives the notice not earlier than 60 days before the 10th day of the month of Zulhijjah in that year,

the Majlis may allocate the additional places by way of a ballot.

(2) The Majlis must announce the time and date of the ballot on the prescribed website.

(3) Balloting may be conducted in the form and manner determined by the Majlis, and the Majlis may specify conditions for the allocation of places under the ballot.

(4) Where a ballot is announced under paragraph (2), a person who is granted an approval under rule 2A(3) to perform the Haj may apply to the Majlis to be allocated a place under the ballot.

(5) An application under paragraph (4) must be in the form and manner specified by the Majlis and accompanied by an application fee of —

(a) for an application made before 1 January 2024 — \$50;

(b) for an application made on or after 1 January 2024 but before 1 January 2026 — \$75; and

(c) for an application made on or after 1 January 2026 — \$100.

(6) The Majlis must announce the results of the ballot on the prescribed website.

(7) In this rule, “prescribed website” means the Internet website of the Majlis at <https://www.muis.gov.sg/>.”

### **Amendment of rule 2D**

6. In rule 2D(1) of the principal Rules —

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), after “any application”, insert “made before 1 December 2022”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), after “any approval”, insert “granted before 1 December 2022”; and

(c) in sub-paragraph (c), replace “rule 2B(6)” with “rule 2B(5)”.

### **Amendment of rule 9**

7. In rule 9 of the principal Rules, after paragraph (2), insert —

“(3) Without affecting paragraph (2)(f), an approved travel agent must —

(a) take all reasonable measures to ensure that every client has access to the medical and welfare services provided by the Majlis in Saudi Arabia during the performance of the Haj; and

(b) pay the Majlis a fee of \$300 for each client in respect of the services mentioned in paragraph (1) before the client departs Singapore for the Haj.”.

### **Amendment of rule 14**

8. In rule 14 of the principal Rules —

(a) in paragraph (2)(b), replace “\$20” with “\$100”; and

(b) replace paragraph (5) with —

“(5) A certificate issued under paragraph (3) —

(a) for a certificate issued before 1 December 2022 — is valid for one year from the date of the issue of the certificate; and

(b) for a certificate issued on or after 1 December 2022 — is valid for 3 years from the date of the issue of the certificate,

and may be renewed for terms of 3 years each before the expiry of the certificate.”.

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Made on 22 November 2022.

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