

# **Administration of Muslim Law (Muslim Converts) Rules 2007**

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### **ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW ACT (CHAPTER 3)**

### **ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW (MUSLIM CONVERTS) RULES 2007**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 126 and 145 of the Administration of Muslim Law Act, the President of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Administration of Muslim Law (Muslim Converts) Rules 2007 and shall come into operation on 2nd July 2007.

## **Definitions**

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Muslim Convert” means a person who is registered under rule 5(2) as one who has converted to the Muslim religion;

“syahadah” means the declaration of Islamic faith.

## **Restrictions to conversion**

3.—(1) No person shall be converted to the Muslim religion except in accordance with the Muslim law, and the provisions of the Act and these Rules.

(2) No person below the age of 18 years shall be converted to the Muslim religion without the consent of his parents or guardian.

## **Registration Officer**

4. The Majlis shall appoint an officer, to be called the Registration Officer, for the purposes of these Rules.

## **Registration of Muslim Converts**

5.—(1) The Registration Officer shall —

- (a) record in duplicate, in such form as the Majlis shall determine, the personal particulars of any person who wishes to be converted to the Muslim religion; and
- (b) explain to the person the following:
  - (i) the 5 pillars of Islam;
  - (ii) the 6 tenets of Islam; and
  - (iii) the Muslim burial rites.

(2) The Registration Officer shall register a person as one who has converted to the Muslim religion upon his recitation of the syahadah in the presence of 2 male adult Muslim witnesses and the Registration Officer.

(3) After the registration of the person under paragraph (2) as a Muslim Convert —

- (a) the 2 witnesses referred to in that paragraph and the Registration Officer