

# **Administration of Muslim Law (Fitrah) Rules**

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## **Legislative History**

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### **ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW (FITRAH) RULES**

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## **Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Administration of Muslim Law (Fitrah) Rules.

## **Definitions**

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

“amil” means any person who is appointed under rule 5(1) for the collection of fitrah;

“Committee” means the Committee appointed under rule 3;

“daerah” means a postal district;

“fakir” or “miskin” means a person who, in the opinion of the Committee, is entitled to share in the distribution of the fitrah collected;

“financial year” means the first day of Muharram to the last day of Zulhijjah of the Muslim year;

“fitrah” means the amount of rice weighing 2.3 kilograms or its equivalent value in money payable under the Muslim law annually by a Muslim during the month of Ramadan to be used for religious or charitable purposes recognised by the Muslim law;

“fitrah collection” means the collection of fitrah by an amil or by the Majlis;

“fitrah fund” means the amount of money paid to and collected by the Majlis in respect of fitrah payable in Singapore in accordance with the Muslim law;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Majlis;

“tauliah” means a letter of appointment issued annually by the Majlis to any person for the collection of fitrah.

## **Members of Committee**

**3.** There shall be a Committee responsible for the supervision and administration of fitrah collection and shall consist of the following members:

- (a) the President of the Majlis;
- (b) the Mufti;
- (c) the Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Committee; and
- (d) 5 other members to be appointed by the Majlis.

## **Powers of Committee**

**4.** The Committee shall have power —

- (a) to appoint or dismiss an amil;
- (b) to supervise fitrah collection;
- (c) to distribute the fitrah so collected; and
- (d) to take all such other steps as are considered necessary for the due or proper execution of its duties.

## **Appointment of amils**

5.—(1) There shall be appointed annually for each daerah, amils preferably from amongst such pegawai masjid as are in the opinion of the Committee able and willing to perform the duties and functions of an amil.

(2) It shall be the duty of an amil to collect fitrah in accordance with his tauliah, and he shall commence to perform this duty from the date as decided by the Committee.

(3) No amil shall have the right to deduct any amount from the fitrah collections made by him.

(4) An amil shall receive his share of the fitrah collections in accordance with the Muslim law.

### **Register of fakir and miskin**

6. Before the collection of fitrah is made, the amil shall register the particulars of all fakir and miskin in his daerah in such form as the Committee may determine and return it to the Secretary.

### **Amil to issue receipts**

7. Every amil who receives fitrah shall issue a receipt in such form as the Committee may determine.

### **Amount of fitrah**

8. Before the first day of Ramadan of every Muslim year, the Majlis shall fix the amount of fitrah that shall be paid by every Muslim for the year.

### **Payment of fitrah**

9. Every Muslim shall, without demand before the 1st day of Syawal of every Muslim year, pay to an amil or to the Majlis, fitrah in respect of himself and the members of his family who are dependent upon him.

### **Collection of fitrah**

10. Collection of fitrah shall be carried out from the 1st day of Ramadan to the 1st day of Syawal before the commencement of the Hari Raya Puasa prayers.

### **Fitrah to be deposited in bank**

11.—(1) Fitrah shall be paid in the form of money.

(2) An amil shall deposit all fitrah collections at the Post Office Savings Bank of Singapore to the credit of the Majlis —