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PROJECT PAPER GUIDELINE

for

RFP Capstone
Shariah RFP Capstone
RFP Module 7
SRFP Module 7



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A. OBJECTIVE

This assessment aims to ensure candidate granted with RFP / Shariah RFP qualification will:

- be able to apply the knowledge acquired to assist the clients to meet their financial goals
- have the necessary skills to prepare comprehensive financial planning reports relevant to the needs of the clients

B. LEARNING OUTCOME

Candidate is able to undertake and develop a financial plan on an independent basis and comprehensively apply the various disciplines and skills specified in the syllabus within a single project

C. CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT PAPER

Project is expected to meet the following criteria:

No	Topic	Specification		
1	RFP / Shariah RFP Capstone / RFP Module 7 / Shariah RFP Module 7	The primary references are text material and this guideline A sample of financial plan is provided inside the text material Candidate may, on own initiative, refer to other relevant sources as secondary references		
2	2.1 Basis of Case Study	The project must be based on a real-life case. The candidate is required to identify a real client and to develop a personal financial plan for that individual as your client In developing the financial plan, the candidate must show that he / she acquires the skill and knowledge to conduct a proper fact finding leading to a comprehensive analysis of the client's financial position and finally develop recommendations to the client in the following areas: i. Cash Flow and Debt Management ii. Risk Analysis and Insurance Planning / Risk Analysis and Takaful Planning iii. Investment Planning / Islamic Investment planning iv. Zakat / Tax Planning v. Retirement Planning vi. Estate Planning / Islamic Estate Planning Note: RFP project paper must follow conventional principle without any Shariah principle added. The client can be Muslim or non-Muslim		







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	2.2 Identification of Client	In view of the above, the selected client MUST have sufficient resources and requires a comprehensive financial planning. The client MUST be:			
		i. a couple with at least one child OR ii. a single parent with at least one child			
		Your client's financial position is such that there is a need to plan for:			
		 i. cash flow and debt management ii. risk management and insurance planning / risk management and takaful planning iii. investment for children education, retirement and wealth accumulation / shariah investment for children education, retirement and wealth accumulation iv. zakat / tax planning v. retirement planning vi. estate planning / shariah estate planning 			
		Note: Project paper must fulfill above criteria, failing which the project paper will be marked NON-PASS			
	2.3 Financial Planning Process	Candidate is required to undergo the full financial planning process step- by-step and all documents collected or prepared during the process MUST be attached as appendices			
	Refer to Chapter 1 of Module 7 Text Material	Six-Step Financial Planning Process to follow:			
		Step 1: Setting Goals, Objectives & Priorities Step 2: Gathering Relevant Data & Information Step 3: Analyzing Information & Assessing Financial Status Step 4: Developing and Presenting a Financial Plan for Implementation Step 5: Executing the Financial Plan Step 6: Monitoring Execution & Reviewing of the Financial Plan			
		Note: For steps 5 & 6, a proposal would suffice			
	2.4 Fact Finding	Candidate is required to conduct fact-finding guided by the "15-point standard" as stated in the RFP / Shariah RFP module and based on the Malaysia's environment			
		The format of the fact-finding sheet is provided. Documents listed below in the fact-finding sheet must be signed and dated:			
		 Client's Acknowledgement Advisor's Declaration Disclaimer Candidate's Declaration 			
		Note: Incomplete fact-finding sheet will lead to NON-PASS grade			







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	2.5 Usage of Financial Software is Not Allowed	Financial statements should not be generated by using commercially available financial planning application software					
		Candidate must show all the workings of the calculations in the financial plan. These workings can be attached as appendices to the financial plan					
3	3.1 Content and Format of the Project Paper	Project paper should be submitted in accordance to the standardized format					
	3.2 Content of the Project Paper	A comprehensive financial plan must contain the following documents:					
	Sequence of Documents	Cover Page Opening Letter Table of Content (with page numbering)					
	RFP: refer to Chapter 10 of the Module 7 Text Material	4. Disclosure5. Executive Summary6. Goals and Objectives					
	Shariah RFP: refer to Chapters 6 - 8 of the Shariah Module 7 Text Material	 Current Situation (including financial and cash flow statements) Recommendations Action Plan Letter of Authority to Act Performance Benchmarks Reviews Disclaimers Appendices 14.1 Fact-finding sheet 14.2 Calculations 					
		14.3 All other related documents In addition, the following documents are also required:					
		 a summary page giving the details of the client and his / her family client's confidential statement (refer below) calculations a list of assumptions made, if not already specifically mentioned in the proposal any other documents being referred to in the plan 					
		The below letter is to be signed and dated:					
		Opening Letter Letter of Authority to Act					
		Note: The project paper will be DECLINED if any of these documents is omitted; declined submission will be granted as NON-SUBMISSION (NIL)					







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	3.3 Candidate's Declaration	Candidate must declare that the project paper is his / her own original work. The declaration form should read as follow:	
	"I hereby declare that the project paper is based on work except for quotations and citations that have acknowledged. I also declare that the same project the previously submitted for any other program at MII		
		Note: This declaration must be signed and dated by the candidate	
	3.4 Client's Confidential Statement	Candidate must obtain a disclaimer from the client stating data collected will be used for education purposes only. MFPC will not be held responsible for any losses suffered by any client if any of them acts on the proposed plan. Please note that the information provided would only be viewed by MFPC certified and authorized examiners and moderators; MFPC will at its discretion to contact any of the clients for verification if it is deemed necessary	
		Note: The disclaimer must be signed and dated by the client	
4	Note: MFPC deserves the right project paper guidelines	to DECLINE any submission that is incomplete or failed to comply with the	
	Language	The financial plan is to be constructed and written in English only	
	Length	The project paper should be written in not less than 3,000 words (excluding tables, diagrams, etc.)	
	Word Processing	Typing should be done on a word processor	
		Handwritten will not be accepted	
	Line Spacing	Standard double spacing between the lines	
	Typeface and font size	The font size should be 12-point	
Font appropriate for the project paper is Arial or bold print for headings		Font appropriate for the project paper is Arial or Times New Roman with bold print for headings	
	Pagination	All pages must be numbered at the bottom, center of the page	
	Identity Card Number on Front Cover	Replace name with IC number including front cover	







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5	Submission	Submission must comply with scheduled deadline; late submission will not be accepted (refer to MFPC website)				
		Candidate is to submit ONE (1) softcopy of the project paper in PDF format (online submission)				
		Submitted project paper is the property of MFPC and MFPC deserves the right to use it when and where is deemed appropriate (for education purposes only)				
		Any request on return of project paper will not be entertained				
6	Assessment Guide	The following areas will be assessed:				
		No Area				
		1 Comprehensiveness of fact finding				
		Analysis of data, including: accuracy of calculations congruency of figures based on the assumptions used reasonableness of assumptions				
		Completely applying available information				
		Comprehensiveness of recommendations covering the following areas: cash flow and risk management insurance / takaful investment zakat / tax - consideration on reliefs retirement estate/ Islamic estate				
		5. Quality of plan with respect to organization and clarity of presentation; must be presented for ease of understanding				
7	7.1 Completion of RFP Capstone / Shariah RFP Capstone / RFP Module 7 / Shariah RFP Module 7	Assessment comprises of examination and project paper; to successfully				
	7.2 Project Paper Result	Results can be checked via iLMS (Mii's Portal) or 1st MFPC (MFPC's Portal)				
	7.3 Submission Deadline	ne Refer to MFPC Website https://mfpc.org.my				



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	7.4 Late Submission	Late submission fee is RM50; payment via 1st MFPC Portal			
		The penalty duration for the late submission is 10 days from the project paper submission date.			
	7.5 Project Paper Grade Category	The assessment of the project will be either a Pass, Non-Pass or Pass with Condition			
		To pass the project paper is a mandatory requirement of the course			
	7.6 Marking	Each submitted project paper will be marked by an examiner and a moderator			
	7.7 Resubmission	Applicable for project paper graded NON-PASS or PASS WITH CONDITION			
	Comments of examiner and / or moderator can be dow Portal; candidate is advised to improve and resubmit based provided				
		Refer to MFPC website for resubmission schedule			
	7.8 Resubmission Registration	Registration via 1 st MFPC Portal with a resubmission fee of RM300 Note:			
		MFPC deserves the right to DECLINE any submission without registration and payment; if declined, the submission will be graded as Non-Submission (NIL)			
	7.9 Submission Validity	Candidate is given a duration of one (1) year (from the result notification date) to pass the project paper; no limitation of submission during the stipulated time			
	7.10 Pass Project Paper but Fail Examination	Candidate must resit and pass the examination within one (1) year (from the result notification date); failing which the project paper result will be considered as INVALID and a NON-PASS will be given as the overall grade			
8	Appeal	Appeal (to extend examination validity / remark project paper) can be made via 1st MFPC Portal with a fee:			
		 extend examination / project paper validity with an appeal fee of RM100 remark project paper with an appeal fee of RM300 			
		Note: Appeal result is FINAL and no further request will be entertained			
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9	Breached of Project Paper Guidelines	Plagiarism and falsification of client are serious types of breach of project paper rules and regulations		
	Examination Quality Control Committee (EQCC)	Effective 01 April 2018, Examination Quality Control Committee (EQCC) was formed by Examination Board (EB) to audit and ensure the originality of project paper submitted		
	Examination Board (EB)	Candidate who is found breaching the rules and regulations will be called to attend a disciplinary hearing; investigation will be conducted and findings will be discussed for further action		
		Result of candidate who is found guilty can be suspended for six month or longer (duration is at the discretion of EQCC and EB) or revoked permanently		
10.	Fee / Administrative Charges	For any application / submission that involves fees, the relevant fees shall be made payable to Malaysian Financial Planning Council (MFPC); MFPC may decline any application / submission if fees are unsettled. No refund of fees once application / submission is approved. Fees will be forfeited if candidate failed to comply with the 1-year timeframe upon application (if applicable)		



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Grading Scheme

RFP Module 7 / Shariah RFP Module 7

COMPONENT	DISTINCTION	PASS	PASS WITH CONDITION	NON-PASS
Examination	80% to 100%	50% to79%	Not Applicable	0% to 49%
Project Paper	80% to 100%	60% to 79%	Scored 60% or above but failed to score a minimum of 5 for Section D (refer to Assessment Criteria for Project Paper)	0% to 59% OR Non-Submission

RFP Capstone / Shariah RFP Capstone

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Examination	80% to 100%	50% to79%	Not Applicable	0% to 49%
Project paper	80% to 100%	60% to 79%	Scored 60% or above but failed to score a minimum of 5 for Section D (refer to Assessment Criteria for Project Paper)	0% to 59% OR Non-Submission