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EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

REGISTERED FINANCIAL PLANNER (RFP) SHARIAH REGISTERED FINANCIAL PLANNER (SRFP) **REGISTERED FINANCIAL PLANNER CAPSTONE (RCAPS)** SHARIAH REGISTERED FINANCIAL PLANNER (SCAPS)



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1.0	Introduction - Objective	The main objective of the guidelines is to provide essential information relating		
1.0		to the RFP/Shariah RFP/RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone examinations to ensure a consistent and smooth administration and conduct of the examinations.		
1.1	RFP / SHARIAH RFP Module 1 - 7	There are 7 modules in the RFP examination as follows:		
		 Module 1: Fundamentals of Financial Planning Module 2: Risk Management and Insurance Planning Module 3: Investment Planning Module 4: Zakat & Tax Planning Module 5: Estate Planning Module 6: Retirement Planning Module 7: Applications of Financial Planning There are 7 modules in the Shariah RFP examination as follows; 		
		 Module 1: Fundamentals of Shariah Financial Planning Module 2: Risk and Takaful Planning Module 3: Shariah Investment Planning Module 4: Zakat and Tax Planning Module 5: Shariah Estate Planning Module 6: Retirement Planning Module 7: Applications in Shariah Financial Planning 		
	Sequence of Modules	The modules are numbered based on the progression of financial planning, thus candidates are recommended to attempt the examination progressively based on the sequence. Due to familiarity of the module(s) and/or preference, candidates can set their own schedule; however, candidates are required to at least pass M1 and another 3 module in order to register for M7 examination.		
1.2	RFP / SHARIAH RFP Capstone Programme	This 6-day intensive programme which encapsulates the essence of our RFP Programme is a fast-track path to attain the prestigious RFP designation and understanding of the subjects		
2.0	Exam Format	The examination format has been determined to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the candidates' knowledge.		
2.1	RFP / SHARIAH RFP Module 1- 6	The number of examination questions Module 1-6 is 75 questions with 4 answer choices.		
2.2	RFP / SHARIAH RFP Module 7	The assessment for Module 7 comprises of two mandatory parts, which are independent of each other. The parts are:		
		 A final examination comprising of 2 sections; Section 1 – 2 Compulsory Subjective Questions Section 2 – Choose 2 out of 4 Subjective Questions 		
		ii. A project paper on a comprehensive financial plan for a real family in accordance to the project paper guidelines.		









5.2	Subsequent registrations in the	Only submit the Examination Registration Form together with applicable	
0.2	same year	registration fees before the Examination closing date.	
5.3	First subsequent registration in the following year	Members who have discontinued their membership are prohibited from registering for the RFP and/or Shariah RFP Examinations. Examination Registration Form together with appropriate registration fees and the annual subscription before the Examination closing date.	
		Members who have discontinued their membership are prohibited from registering for the RFP and/or Shariah RFP Examinations.	
5.4	Change of Examination Centres and Modules	To request for any changes of examination date/module/center/intake please refer no. 9.7: Appeal for Deferment examination date/module/center/intake. Any changes after the examination closing date will not be entertained. The Candidates are, therefore, advised to be careful in the completion of the examination registration forms.	
5.5	Entry Permit	Candidates require to print Entry Permit form the iLMS system to be present during examination date. The Entry Permit can be print 7 days before the examination date.	
6.0	Mode of Study	To prepare for the examination, MFPC provides two modes of study; Self study and Course based.	
6.1	Self Study	Candidates choosing this option are to prepare for the examination on their own. However it is recommended for them to dedicate at least 42 hours to read and understand the study text.	
		Self study only applicable for Module 1 – Module 6.	
		Self study option is NOT APPLICABLE for RFP/Shariah RFP Module 7 and RFP/Shariah RFP Capstone Programme.	
6.2	Course Based	MFPC and Education Providers are conducting the courses. There will be a 42- hour class session to cover the main topics in accordance to the module syllabus. Candidates will take the pre-scheduled examinations accordingly.	
		Additional Revision class will be arranged on case to case basis/optional.	
		If an ad-hoc examination has been arranged, the examination will be scheduled based on the requested date.	
6.3	Education Providers	MFPC will continually add or delete the list of Education Providers based on the criteria set by the Certification & CPD Board (CCB) and approved by the National Council. List of Education Providers is up-loaded onto MFPC website at www.mfpc.org.my.	





7.0	Exam centres	The examination will be conducted at designated centres in the cities listed below.	
7.1	Regular centres	Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Johor Bharu ,Kuantan , Kota Kinabalu and Kuching	
7.2	Ad-hoc centres	Besides the Regular centres, the examination is also conducted at ad-hoc centres based on requests. To organise an ad-hoc centre, organiser is required to reimburse fees for exam invigilators, mileage claims and accommodation to the MFPC exam facilitator/provider.	
8.0	Language	The examination is set in English	
9.0	Examination Result	The e-result may be obtained from MII website www.insurance.com.my. Notification released of results will be sent to the candidates' correspondence email address for the candidate to download their result from MII website.	
9.1	RFP/Shariah RFP M1-M6	Examination results for M1- M6 will be notified in 30 days after the examination.	
9.2	RFP/Shariah RFP M7	Examination results for M7 will be notified in 80 days upon submission of the project paper.	
9.3	RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone	Examination results for RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone will be notified in 80 days upon submission of the project paper.	
9.4	Summary of Performance	Individual companies will be provided with a summary of their candidates' performance in the last exam sitting upon a written request.	
9.5	Upgrade of Membership	All the membership status will be upgrade using automatic upgrade mechanism;	
		i. Student Membership to be upgraded to Affilliate RFP/Shariah RFP Membership upon completion of RFP/Shariah RFP Module 1-Fundementals of Financial Planning and one other module of the RFP/Shariah RFP Programme;	
		ii Student Membership to be up-graded to Ordinary Membership upon successful completion (Passed) of the RFP/Shariah RFP Capstone Programme examination(s) of the members;	
		iii. Affiliate Membership to be up-graded to Ordinary Membership upon successful completion (Passed) of the relevant RFP/Shariah RFP examination(s) of the members.	
		Affilliate RFP/Shariah RFP and RFP/Shariah RFP designation can only be used with membership card.	
		Note: Secretariat would not be able to prepare the certificate without receive the fee of the membership upgrading. 30 workings days to process the certificate.	
9.6	Duplication of Exam Result	Candidate could re-print their previous examination result from MFPC.	
		 Request of duplication of exam result must be addressed to MFPC as below; i. Member: fee of RM21.21 and Member: re-print examination slip form ii. Non-Member: Fee of RM159.00 and non-Member: re-print examination slip form 	





		Duplicated exam result will be send to student via normal post or email. Exam Department will take 5 workings days to process the duplication of exam results.
9.7	Appeal	There is no appeal allowed for Module 1-6 and RFP/Shariah RFP Capstone objective paper since the scoring is done mechanically and the overall performance has been moderated.
		For any examination appeal (Appeal to defer the examination / extend examination validity / remark project paper) candidates are required to fill in the Appeal Form (AF 01) and submit to secretariat with the appeal fee as below;
		 Deferment the examination date/module/center/intake with appeal fee of RM53; before the examination closing date. Extend Examination Validity RFP/Shariah RFP module and RFP/Shariah RFP capstone; examination/project paper with appeal fee of RM106 Remark RFP/Shariah RFP module 7 and RFP/Shariah RFP capstone project paper with appeal fee of RM318
		*Please refer the Guidelines for project paper for further information.
		The above must be submitted to the MFPC (Examination Department).
		The results of the Appeal are FINAL.
		Appeal application must be addressed to
		Examination Department Malaysian Financial Planning Council Suite 22.7, Level 22, Menara One Mont Kiara (1MK) No. 1, Jalan Kiara, Mont Kiara 50480 Kuala Lumpur. (Office) 03-62035899 (Fax) 03-62012669
		Email : examregistration@mfpc.org.my
9.8	VIVA Session	Examination Board shall conduct Examination VIVA session on students when deem necessary on a periodical basis.
		VIVA is a session where examiner/moderator will review candidate's performance and recommend suitable action to assist students in their examinations. Various methods could be recommended including resit examination, resubmit project paper; undertake open book assessment, attend tutorial etc.





10.0	Re-sit/Resubmission	Candidates are advised to register for next exam intake as per published exam scheduled before the closing date of the exam.	
10.1	Re-sit for Module 1-6	Candidate is allowed to re-sit at any point of time in 12 months after notification of result; however candidate result will only be process together with the next new student intake. Candidate is required to observe deadline for registration closing date and result release date as per exam schedule for re-sit / resubmission purposes.	
		The candidate need to send the re-sit examination form and fee of RM212.00 to the MFPC (Examination Department)	
10.2	Re-sit for Module 7/RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Casptone Examination	Candidate is allowed to resubmit at any point of time in 12 months after notification of result; however candidate result will only be process together with the next new student intake. Candidate is required to observe deadline for sub <i>m</i> ission of project paper, registration closing date and result release date as per exam schedule for re-sit/resubmission purposes.	
		The candidate need to send the re-sit examination form and fee of RM318.00 to the MFPC (Examination Department)	
10.3	Resubmission for Module 7/RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone Project Paper	All re-sit examination will have 12 months validity from the notification date of result.	
		The candidate need to send the resubmission form and fee of RM318.00 to the MFPC (Examination Department)	
11.0	Examination Permit		
	Documents required to enter Examination	Examination Entry Permit contains details of the candidate, date, time, module and venue of the examination will be released 10 working days after the closing date. Candidates are reminded to download; print and check the permit to ensure examination details are correct. Should candidates found any discrepancy on the permit; candidates must notify MFPC Secretariat not later than 5 working days after released of the permit.	
		Candidates must produce the Examination Entry Permit together with their original Identity Card (Malaysian) or Passport (Non-Malaysian) at the examination hall. Failure to do so examination provider will bar the candidate from the examination.	



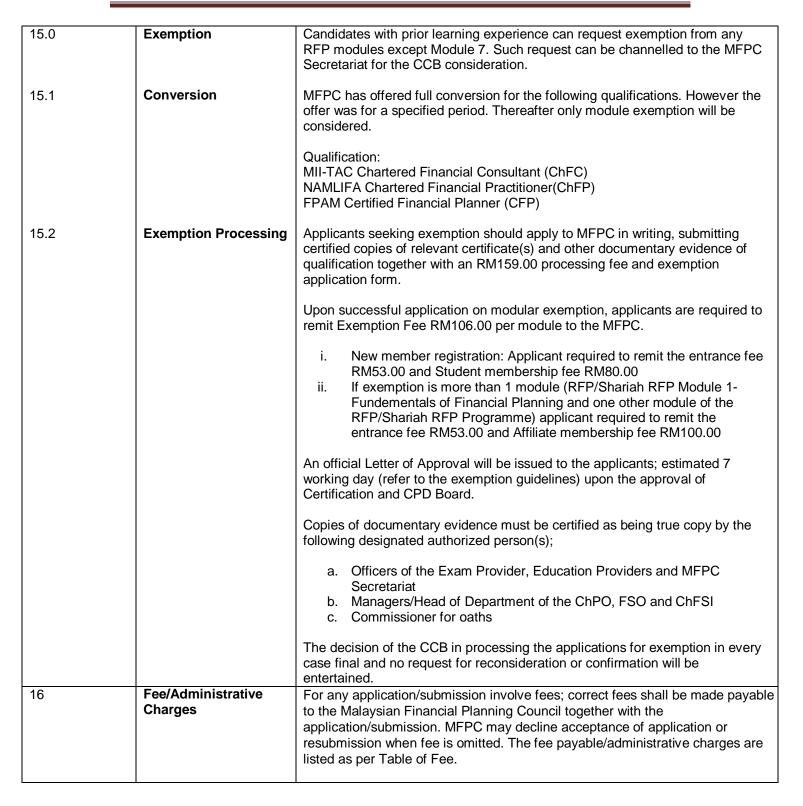


12.0	Refund Policy	Please note that the membership, registration, entrance and examination fees		
		are NOT refundable EXCEPT for the course fees.		
12.1	Refund request for course fees	Requests for a refund of the course fees must be made in writing.		
		 i. <u>Full Refund:</u> Full refund will be made only if: the student's application is rejected, or due to any reason, MFPC is not able to conduct or has to cancel the RFP Capstone course 		
		 Partial Refund: 50% of the course fee is refundable if the student withdraws at least 14 days before the course commences. The letter requesting withdrawal from the course together with the original receipt must reach MFPC at least 7 days before the date of the first class. 		
		 iii. <u>No Refund:</u> A student is not entitled to any refund of the course fees if the student withdraws from the course after commencement of the first day of class. 		
		An administrative charge for refund application is RM53.00 per application		
12.2	Deferment request of course after payment had been made	Deferment is only allowed for those who have submitted written appeal prior to the commencement of classes' prior closing date of examinations.		
		Deferment will be granted not more than 12 months in accordance to applicants' application form/registration form.		
		No refund of fees will be granted on deferment. All fees will be forfeited should applicants failed to attend classes or examinations after 12 months.		
		An administrative charge for application of deferment is RM53.00 per application		
12.3	Request for cancellation/ withdrawal, postponement or replacement of the examination by Candidate (absence during	Request for cancellation, withdrawal, postponement or replacement of the examination by the candidate after the registration closing date is not permissible.		
	examination period)	However, consideration of the above and credit note will be made based on the following situations only :		
	Due to medical reason	 Due to medical reason certified by a registered physician Due to death or hospitalization of any immediate family member 		
		Candidates must provide a medical slip certifying that the candidate is medically unfit to take the examination on the scheduled date and must be issued by a registered physician.		
		The medical slip must be submitted to MII not later than 5 days after the examination date.		



	Death or hospitalization of immediate family member	Candidate having to attend/organize the final arrangement for decease of immediate family member must submit the death certificate to MII not later than 5 days after the examination date. Immediate family member refers to : parents/parents in-law spouse children brothers and sisters/ brothers and sisters in law grandparents (both side) Cheque for refund /credit note is made for respective examination as listed below : For RFP/Shariah RFP Module 1-6 : RM 69.70 For RFP/Shariah RFP Module 7 : RM 144.70 For RFP/Shariah RFP Module 7 : RM 144.70	
13.0	Disciplinary Issues	For any breach of examination rules and regulations, the examination provider will conduct a full investigation and present the facts to the Examination Board for deliberation and decision.	
13.1	Power under the Memorandum and Article of Association	The examination provider shall recommend the penalty based on previous cases of similar circumstances.	
13.2	Breach of Examination	The Examination Board may make, alter or revoke from time-to-time rules providing for all matters relating to the RFP exam.	
	Regulations	MFPC reserves the right to withdraw, withhold or invalidate the results or certificates at any time pertaining to any alleged breach of exam regulations and procedures.	
		The Examination Board of the MFPC will take disciplinary action in relation to any examination candidates found guilty of any dishonourable or unprofessional conduct or committing any breach of examination rules, regulations or procedure.	
		The examination provider will investigate any such incident and report to the MFPC Exam Board for deliberation and decision.	
14.0	Liability of the Exam Provider	If the examination provider, for reasons outside its control should find it impossible to hold any of its scheduled examination or if a candidate's completed answer sheet is lost or destroyed, the exam provider 's liability shall be limited to a complete refund of the examination fee paid in respect of the examination concerned.	







Examination Result Grading

RFP/Shariah RFP Module 1 to Module 6

MODULE	DISTINCTION	PASS	NON PASS
RFP/Shariah RFP (Module 1 – 4)	Score 80% of the available examination marks	Score 50% of the available examination marks	Score less than 50% of the available examination marks
RFP/Shariah RFP (Module 5 – 6)	Score 80% of the available examination marks	Score 60% of the available examination marks	Score less than 60% of the available examination marks

RFP Module 7/Shariah RFP Module 7

	DISTINCTION	PASS	PASS WITH CONDITION	NON PASS
Examination	Score 80% of the available examination marks	Score 50% of the available examination marks	Not Applicable	Score less than 50% of the available examination marks
Project Paper	Score 80% of the available examination marks	Score 60% of the available examination marks	Score 60% of the available examination marks but candidate fails to score 5 and above for Section D (please refer Criteria Assessment of Project Paper)	Achieved a Non Pass grade on the assessment/Non Submission

Remarks:

Any parts of Module 7 is non pass/pass with condition will be graded NON PASS for overall grade. Candidate is required to re-sit examination /resubmit project paper (which is applicable) and to achieve PASS grade within one year from the first result notification date. Other parts of M7 result (Examination/ Project paper) which PASS is valid for 1 year. After the duration, the entire M7 resuls will be graded NON PASS and the candidate has to register for the course again.

RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone

	PASS	PASS WITH CONDITION	NON PASS
Examination	Score 50% of the available examination marks	Not applicable	Score less than 50% of the available examination marks
Project paper	Score 60% of the available examination marks	Score 60% of the available examination marks but candidate fails to score 5 and above for Section D (please refer Criteria Assessment of Project Paper)	Score less than 60% of the available examination marks

Remarks:

Any parts of RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone is non pass/pass with condition will be graded NON PASS for overall grade. Candidate is required to re-sit examination /resubmit project paper (which is applicable) and to achieve PASS grade within 12 months from the first result notification date. Other parts of RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone result (Examination/ Project paper) which PASS is valid for 12 months. After the duration, the entire RFP Capstone/Shariah RFP Capstone will be graded NON PASS and the candidate has to register for the course again.