DECLARING
YOUR RELIGIOUS GROUP’S GOVERNING BODY

Leadership Requirements under MRHA

- Majority of the Governing Body must be Singapore Citizens; and
- Responsible Officers must be either a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Effective date to comply with the leadership requirements – To be announced by MHA.

Mandatory Declaration of Governing Body

It is mandatory for all Religious Groups (RGs) to declare their Governing Body, to the Registry of Foreign and Political Disclosures (RFPD), MHA.

Definitions

Governing Body
Refers to the group of individuals that undertake any of the following leadership responsibilities:
- Management of the RG’s properties (including donations).
- Appointment of the religious leaders of the RG or any affiliated institutions.

Responsible Officers
Refers to either of the following:
- For corporate bodies - Chairman, Managing Director or Company Secretary, or any equivalent positions.
- For unincorporated bodies (including societies) - President, Secretary or Treasurer, or any equivalent positions.
- For partnership (including limited partnership) – Partner, or any equivalent positions.

When to declare?

- Within 60 calendar days of Appointed Day, i.e., by 30 Dec 2022
- Thereafter, within 30 calendar days after any changes to the Governing Body.

What information to submit?

- Particulars of the RG’s Governing Body such as Name, NRIC/ FIN/ Passport No., Nationality etc.
- Memorandums and constitutions.

How to declare?

- IROSES – For societies registered under the Societies Act. www.ros.mha.gov.sg
- FormSG – For all other religious groups incorporated under the Companies Act or any other written law. www.mha.gov.sg/mha-e-services

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
www.go.gov.sg/mrha-faq

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How about foreign spiritual leaders who solely conduct spiritual activities? Are they considered part of the governing body?

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Spiritual leaders who are foreigners and do not hold formal positions are not considered as responsible officers or part of the governing body.

For more details on the amended MRHA: www.go.gov.sg/mrha