



Annex A: About Religious Leadership Development Programme (RLDP)

Programme Modules

Structured across three semesters over 12 months, the RLDP brings together asatizah from across the public and community sectors to learn from one another and strengthen collaboration across Singapore's religious sector. Each module runs for up to five days and is completed over the course of one semester.

Module	Description
<u>Module One:</u> Governance of Muslim Affairs in Singapore	Participants will develop an understanding of the landscape they serve within. Through case studies and direct engagement with current and former practitioners, participants will develop a working knowledge of public administration and policy development in Singapore's unique context. Participants will also take part in group work to develop policy responses to future scenarios that could affect religious communities — moving from theory to application from day one.
<u>Module Two:</u> Leadership and Community Engagement	Participants will begin by understanding themselves as leaders — assessing their capabilities, identifying areas for growth, and exploring what collaborative leadership means through peer learning and case studies. They will then put this into practice by building trust, establishing rapport, and engaging meaningfully with the communities they serve. Learning journeys to community organisations round off the experience, providing a first-hand look at leaders doing this work on the ground.
<u>Module Three:</u> Advancing Religious Thought in Singapore	Participants will sharpen their scholarship in dialogue with Singapore's religious leadership. They will engage directly with contemporary religious issues, work in multidisciplinary groups to address complex modern topics, and develop the conviction to deliver religious guidance that is both grounded and clear. This is where scholarship meets practice.



Eligibility

The RLDP is open to Tier 1 asatizah certified under the Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS) who are keen to develop themselves and deepen their contributions within Singapore's religious sector. Eligible applicants include:

- a) Experienced Professionals: Individuals already serving in mosques, madrasahs, MUIS, the Syariah Court, the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM), or Muslim community organisations.
- b) Emerging Talents: Asatizah who are ARS Tier 1 certified or currently pursuing ARS Tier 1 certification.

Applications and Selection

Applications for the first cohort are open from 20 July to 24 August 2026 and can be submitted via MUIS's website. Applicants will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- a) Commitment to serving the Singapore Muslim community
- b) Alignment with programme objectives
- c) Leadership potential
- d) Recommendation by a current or previous employer, academic supervisor, or community leader