



Annex B: Background Information on Mandatory Registration of Muslim Religious Schools and Religious Teachers

1 Since the introduction of the mandatory registration of Muslim Religious Schools (MRS) and Religious Teachers in 2017, the number of registered MRS/IECPs has increased from 303 to 475 in 2025. Over the same period, the number of registered religious teachers in the Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS) increased from 4,744 to 5,205. Religious Teachers who deliver religious instruction to the community must be recognised under the ARS.

2 The MRS registration framework supports the Muslim community in accessing credible Islamic education providers and safeguards the community against deviant or problematic teachings. Under this framework, registered MRS/IECPs are required to employ only ARS-recognised religious teachers and deliver Islamic curricula that have been verified by MUIS.

3 The ARS complements this framework by upholding the professional standards of religious teachers and serving as a trusted reference for the Singapore Muslim community. ARS-recognised asatizah are guided by a Code of Ethics and are required to fulfil continuing professional development requirements to maintain their recognition.