

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.



[Governing
Body]

[Responsible
Officers]



SUBMIT

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.

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.



Frequently Asked Questions (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.

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

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

