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# ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW ACT (CHAPTER 3)

# MUSLIM MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2011

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 145 of the Administration of Muslim Law Act, the President of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

#### Citation and commencement

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Rules 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2011.

#### Deletion and substitution of rule 3

**2.** Rule 3 of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Rules (R 1) is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

## "Application to have marriage solemnized

- **3.**—(1) An application to a Kadi or Naib Kadi for solemnization of a marriage under section 95(2) of the Act
  - (a) shall be made in
    - (i) Form 1, where the application is submitted before 1st September 2011; or
    - (ii) Form 1A, where the application is submitted on or after 1st September 2011; and
  - (b) shall be accompanied by a statutory declaration made by each party to the intended marriage and the wali of the woman to be married.
- (2) Where an application under paragraph (1) is made on or after 1st September 2011 and any of the parties to the intended marriage has previously been married but is divorced, the statutory declaration referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall state whether

he or she owes any arrears in respect of any maintenance which is payable under a maintenance order.

- (3) The statutory declaration referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall be made by each party to the intended marriage in the presence of the other party.
- (4) A marriage shall not be solemnized by Kadi or Naib Kadi unless the parties to the proposed marriage comply with paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).
- (5) In this rule, "maintenance order" has the same meaning as in section 17(4) of the Women's Charter (Cap. 353).".

### **Amendment of First Schedule**

**3.** The First Schedule to the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Rules (R 1) is amended by inserting, immediately after Form 1, the following Form: