

Beyond Faraid

A Guide To Islamic Legacy Planning





Islamic Legacy Planning

Traditionally, Faraid is seen as the only solution for asset distribution after death. However, Muslims today have a variety of permissible legacy planning tools that they can use to prepare.

Planning for the future ensures that your family can navigate with clarity when the time comes. Take proactive steps now to simplify matters for your loved ones. Start the conversation today and consider using legacy planning tools such as CPF nominations and wasiat (Muslim will).

Your legacy matters – for yourself, your family, and the community.



Visit **go.gov.sg/planmylegacy** for useful links

01 Understand Faraid

Islamic inheritance law (Faraid) governs the distribution of a deceased Muslim's assets (estate), by determining their heirs and the shares, based on guidance from the Quran and Hadith. This distribution would apply by default for all assets **unless** prior arrangements were made.

Faraid Calculator

To find out who your beneficiaries are and their shares, use the Syariah Court's Online Trial Inheritance Calculator to view the allocation.

Did you know?

In Singapore, properties under joint-tenancy ownership would not be distributed under Faraid. The full ownership of the property will be granted to the surviving co-owner.



02 Make Nominations

By nominating, you decide who or which organisations would receive the proceeds of your assets including CPF savings and insurance policies.

CPF Nomination

Decide how your CPF monies will be distributed after you pass on through CPF Nomination.

Your CPF nomination lets you choose:

- Who you want to nominate to receive your CPF savings (your 'nominee')
- The percentage each of your nominee(s) should receive from your CPF savings

You can choose to distribute according to Faraid or to any persons or organisations that you support. Make your CPF nomination online via my cpf Online Services or schedule an in-person appointment at CPF service centres.

Insurance Nomination

Check with your respective insurance providers on the process to make your nomination.



03 Write a Wasiat (Muslim Will)

Wasiat

Wasiat (Muslim Will) is a legal document that lets you decide what happens to your assets after your death. Your wasiat lets you say:

- Who you want to carry out your will (an executor)
- How your assets (up to one-third) will be distributed
- The people or organisation(s) that will benefit (beneficiary)

Legal heirs under Faraid **cannot** be a beneficiary from a wasiat.

Did you know?

To transfer ownership of a HDB flat, a wasiat may not be a suitable instrument as the ownership is governed by HDB. Consider reviewing your manner of holding for the flat to best suit your needs.





04 Prepare Legal Documents

Lasting Power of Attorney

Appoint people you trust ('donee') to help make decisions on your behalf in the event you lose mental capacity with a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

For assistance, you can contact the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) or visit a ServiceSG centre.

05 Record Healthcare Preferences

Advance Care Plan

Indicate your preferences with regards to your future healthcare and personal care through an Advance Care Plan (ACP).

Your ACP can help make decision-making less stressful for your family and ensure that your values and preferences are heard, even when you can no longer speak for yourself.

Prepare your ACP online or make an appointment with an ACP facilitator.

06 Giving for Eternal Rewards

Engage in planned giving to gain perpetual rewards in the Hereafter. With a Wakaf contribution, your assets can be used as the capital to produce perpetual income for religious institutions and the community.

"When a man dies, all his good deeds come to an end except three: Recurring charity (sadaqah jariyah), knowledge from which benefit is gained, and a righteous child who prays for him." –Muslim

This form of recurring charity (sadaqah jariyah) ensures rewards for the individual after their passing while also leaving behind a positive difference as their legacy. You can also contribute to a Wakaf or organisation(s) via nominations (e.g. CPF, Insurance) or through a wasiat.

Becoming a Wakif

With developments in Wakaf, there are now opportunities to be a Wakif (Wakaf contributor) beyond donating properties or land. Cash Wakaf such as Wakaf Ilmu and the multi-asset Wakaf Masyarakat Singapura (WMS) allows anyone to be a wakif through cash contributions or other assets.

Your contributions will be invested to generate returns for the intended beneficiaries of the Wakaf. All wakaf in Singapore is vested and administered by the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis).



To contribute through Wakaf, visit **go.gov.sg/givewakaf** today.





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- Get started on the Islamic Legacy Planning tools
- View the relevant religious guidance
- Learn more about setting up a trust for persons with special needs



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