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***SHARI'AH* BAR BULLETIN No. 4**

**GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINEES COMING
FROM THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

In a Resolution, dated July 4, 2023, the Supreme Court authorized the allocation of funds for overseas Filipino workers from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (**KSA**) who have expressed their interest to participate in the *Shari'ah* Training Seminar and to take the 2024 *Shari'ah* Bar Examinations (**SBE**). The funds shall be used as a Grant to cover the airfare and accommodations of qualified applicants during the administration of the 2024 SBE.

This Bar Bulletin provides the guidelines for availing of this Grant:

1. Applicants who are overseas Filipino workers in KSA must accomplish the Bar Applicant Registration Information System and Tech Assistance (**BARISTA**).
2. Applicants from KSA who intend to avail of the Grant must inform the Court of their intent to do so by sending an email to the following email address:

shariahbar2024.helpdesk@judiciary.gov.ph

- Applicants must indicate the following as the subject of their email: **Court Grant for KSA Applicants**
- The email must include a scanned copy of the applicant's passport biographical page clearly showing the picture of the

applicant, the passport number, birthdate, sex, date of issuance of the passport, and the date of its expiration.

- Applicants shall also include in their email a scanned copy of their Working Visa to confirm their status as overseas Filipino Workers in KSA.
 - Applicants must use the same email address used in BARISTA.
 - The email must be sent **on or before March 15, 2024, Philippine Time.**
3. Applicants who intend to avail of the Grant shall be assigned at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, as the testing center. No change of testing site will be allowed.
 4. Applicants who qualify for the Grant shall receive confirmation from the Court through their email address no later than March 22, 2024.
 5. The Grant shall consist of the following:
 - A. Reimbursement for economy class round trip plane tickets.
 - Applicants shall be responsible for purchasing their own plane tickets. Each applicant must email a copy of the ticket to the email address indicated above along with the details of his or her Philippine bank account, including the account name and number, for reimbursement processing. This must be done, at least, five days before the first day of the SBE on April 28, 2024.
 - Applicants may choose their own preferred airlines provided that the Court will only reimburse economy class plane tickets.
 - The flight to the Philippines must be not earlier than April 15, 2024, and the return flight to KSA must not be later than May 15, 2024, to qualify for the Grant.
 - At the end of the first day of the SBE, the Court shall reimburse 50% of the plane ticket cost upon the applicants' submission of their physical boarding pass for the KSA to Manila trip to the authorized personnel of the Court. The reimbursement shall be paid in Philippine currency through bank transfer.
 - Upon their return to KSA, applicants must email a copy of their boarding pass for their return flight from Manila to KSA in order to qualify for reimbursement of the

remaining 50% of the plane ticket cost. This shall also be reimbursed in Philippine currency through bank transfer.

- Applicants who fail to submit either or both boarding passes shall be disqualified from taking the oath should they pass the 2024 SBE, or from participating in future SBE.

B. Accommodation for the applicant from April 22, 2024 to May 4, 2024.

- The Court shall have the discretion as to the location of the accommodation. Applicants shall be informed of their accommodation details through their email address.¹
- Applicants must state in their email the dates of their intended stay, provided that such period must include both examination days and shall not exceed 13 days and 12 nights in all.
- Applicants may choose not to avail of the free accommodation. Nevertheless, they must still take the examination at the University of the Philippines, Diliman.

6. Applicants who intend to avail of the Grant must be unconditionally admitted to take the 2024 SBE. Failure to be unconditionally admitted to take the 2024 SBE shall result in the forfeiture of the Grant.

7. Applicants who receive the Grant but fail to take the 2024 SBE without any justifiable reason shall be required to refund the total amount of the Grant. Applicants who fail to do so shall be perpetually disqualified from taking the SBE and may be subjected to legal action.

For the guidance and information of 2024 SBE applicants from KSA.

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¹ Applicants shall be in charge of their own transportation from the airport to the accommodation as well as of the transportation to and from the testing center.