



NOTICE FOR EXHUMATION OF GRAVES AT CHOA CHU KANG MUSLIM CEMETERY (PHASE 8)

AFFECTED GRAVES AT BLOCKS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21 & 22

To ensure sufficient land for future burials, the National Environment Agency (NEA) has undertaken exhumation programmes at the Choa Chu Kang Cemetery. Exhumations at Blocks 6, 7, 8, 9, 19 & 20 were completed in 2021.

Muslim graves at Blocks 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21 & 22 will be exhumed after the registration closing date. The exhumed remains will be reinterred at the Choa Chu Kang Muslim Cemetery. NEA has appointed the Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis) to carry out the registration, verification, exhumation, and reinterment services for Phase 8.

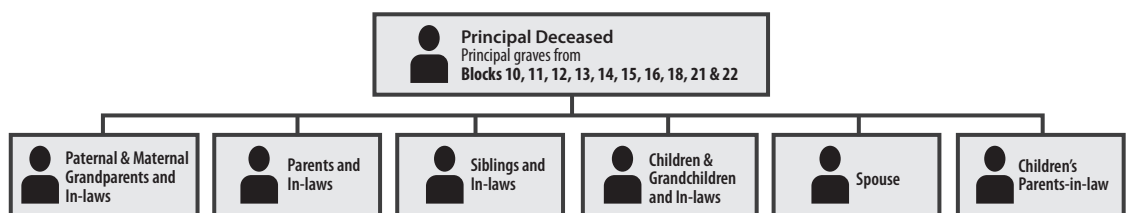
PRINCIPAL GRAVES

Family members are invited to claim the remains of their Next-of-Kin (called the "**Principal Deceased**") buried in this section of the cemetery. The claim period ends on **one year from 13 September 2021**. Costs of exhumation and reinterment will be borne by the Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRAVES

Family members may also claim the remains of other family members (called the "**Supplementary Deceased**") (buried within Choa Chu Kang Muslim Cemetery) **outside** Blocks 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21 & 22 who are related to the principal deceased so that the remains from the same family can be reinterred in the same or adjacent grave plots. These family members must meet the **minimum** burial period of 15 years prior to the registration closing date.

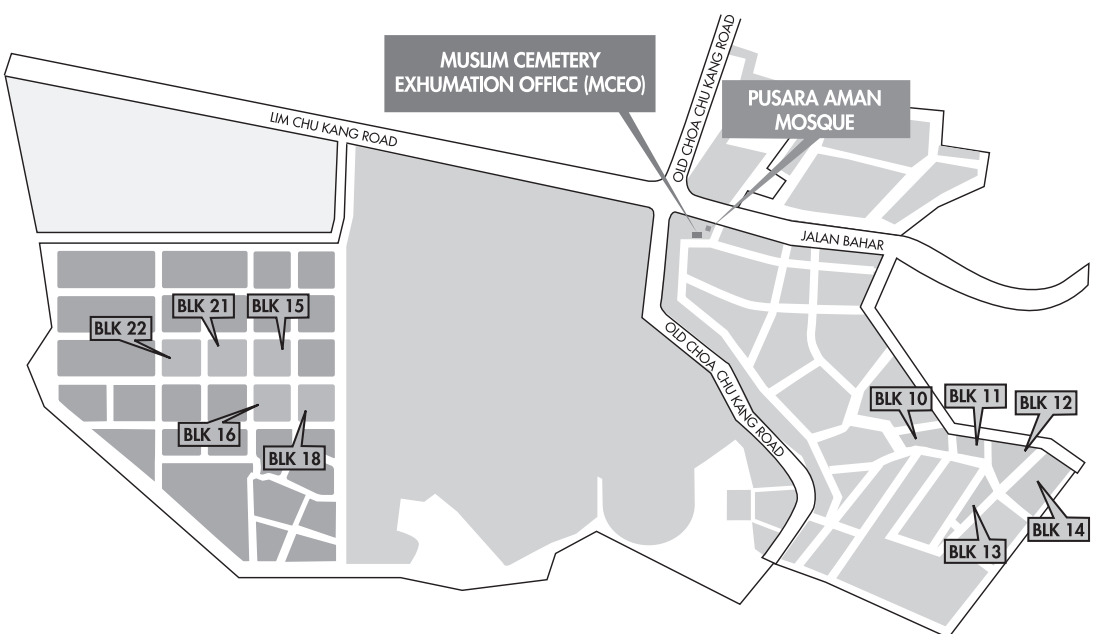
Deceased in this category must be related to the Principal Deceased in the following manner:



- For each supplementary grave, a **non-refundable fee of \$80** (before GST) per remains will be imposed.
- No supplementary claim will be carried out if any family member **disagrees** on the exhumation **in writing to Muis**.

PHASE 8 AFFECTED GRAVES

Choa Chu Kang Cemetery



HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION OF GRAVES

1. Commencing **Monday, 13 September 2021, 9.00am**, family members may **register online using Singpass** at www.pusara.sg to claim for the remains of their Next-of-Kin.
2. In light of COVID-19 safety measures, **registrations are encouraged to be done online**. Claimants who are unable to register online may make an appointment at www.pusara.sg to visit the Muslim Cemetery Exhumation Office (MCEO) located at 7 Muslim Cemetery Path 3, S(718733) (next to Pusara Aman Mosque).
3. Verification of graves will be done through identifying photographs which will be made available on the said portal as part of the online registration process. Claimants may also make an appointment for physical verification at the MCEO if needed.
4. Only families with **appointments made through the online registration system or telephone at 6238 4504** may visit the MCEO.
5. For claiming of **Supplementary Graves** (non-affected graves) with a Principal Deceased, an appointment at the MCEO is required for physical verification of documents and payment of fees. Appointments can be made online at www.pusara.sg.
6. Upon successful registration, a confirmation email and SMS with further instructions will be provided to the claimant.
7. The deadline for registration is on **12 September 2022**.
8. The MCEO is closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday.

EXHUMATION AND REINTERMENT PROCESS

1. The claimant will be notified via email and SMS nearing the exhumation date. The claimant is encouraged to witness the exhumation and reinterment process. If the claimant is unable to do so, please notify Muis **two weeks in advance** before the exhumation date via 6238 4504 or email to info@pusara.sg. Muis is to be notified in writing of any change of address or contact number.
2. The graves will be dug until the original soil (*liang lahad*) is reached to recover the remains, if any. The remains will be shrouded individually in white cloth and reinterred.
3. Unless requested, tombstones (if any) will be disposed two weeks before the exhumation date.
4. There will be no special prayers (such as *Talkin*) for the exhumed remains as there is no religious requirement for this.
5. Remains will be brought to the Choa Chu Kang Muslim Cemetery for reinterment* once the exhumation is completed.
6. The claimant will receive documentation from Muis on where the remains have been reinterred to (including new grave block and plot number).
7. The remains will be reinterred according to NEA's guidelines:
 - 8 remains per crypt for claimed graves
 - 16 remains per crypt for unclaimed graves

* The claimant and family members can witness the reinterment of the remains.

REINTERMENT OUTSIDE SINGAPORE

Those who wish to reinter the remains outside Singapore shall apply for a Coffin Permit for exportation from the NEA at the following address:

Port Health Office
4545 Jalan Bukit Merah
Singapore 159466

For enquiries, please call 6222 2585.

Related costs for export will be borne by the claimant.

UNCLAIMED GRAVES

In cases where there are no claimants for the remains of the deceased, these graves will be recorded and categorised as "unclaimed graves".

Unclaimed remains from the graves will be reinterred at the Choa Chu Kang Muslim Cemetery.

WHERE TO SEEK ASSISTANCE

For more information, please call us at **6238 4504** or visit our website at www.pusara.sg or email to info@pusara.sg