

Muis Halal Engagement 2023

23 March 2023
Muis Auditorium



AGENDA

1. OPENING REMARKS
2. BACKGROUND
3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW INITIATIVES:
 - *HALAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT (HCA)*
 - *REFRESHER REQUIREMENT*
4. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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OPENING REMARKS

Muis Halal Development

Organisational Structure



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DIRECTOR
HALAL DEVELOPMENT



Diana Beetsma
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STANDARDS & DEVELOPMENT



Nurul Hidayah Abubakar
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HALAL CERTIFICATION



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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Sharifuddin Mohd Ali
HEAD
HALAL SUPPLY NETWORK

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BACKGROUND

RECAP OF NOVEMBER 2021 ENGAGEMENT



**Simplified conditions
for smaller eating
establishments**

(EE Category 1)

**Provision to purchase
ingredients from
retail stores**

(hawker & school canteen)

**Allowing of trading
and contract
manufacturing**

(whole plant)

**Alternative to
fulfilling Halal
Competency
Requirement**

(Aside from the Halal Training)

**Mandatory
Refresher Training**
(every 5 years)



Halal Certification Requirement



Under the Muis Halal Certification Conditions, it is **mandatory requirement** for the following personnel to be assessed as competent:

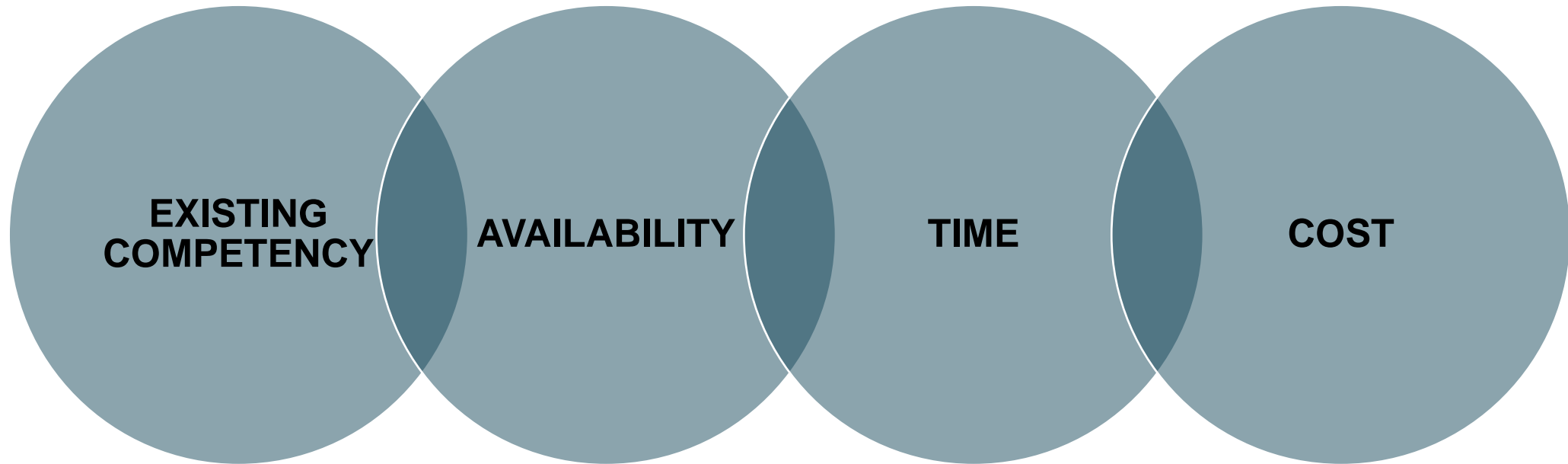
- ◆ **Eating Establishment – Category 1**

- i. Owner Representative
- ii. Muslim Personnel

- ◆ **For all other schemes**

- i. Halal Team Leader
- ii. Halal Assurance Officer

Review Competency Requirement Based on Feedback



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NEW INITIATIVES

New initiatives effective April 2023



1 HALAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT (HCA)

HCA is an assessment to **recognise individuals' Halal competency** as part of the **requirement for Muis Halal Certification**. Upon passing the HCA, the individual will be awarded with HCA Certificate.

Individuals may choose to attend and pass either (a) Training & Assessment or (b) Assessment-Only Pathway.

Halal Competency Assessment (HCA)

WHAT IS HALAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT (HCA)?

HCA is an assessment to recognise individuals' Halal competency as part of the requirement for Muis Halal Certification.

The HCA will **replace the assessment portion** of the previous **Halal Foundation Programme (HFP)** and current **Halal Certification Training (Foundational Level)**.

Upon passing the HCA, the individual will be awarded with a HCA certificate. The HCA certificate will only be valid for 5 years.



WHAT IS ASSESSMENT-ONLY PATHWAY (AOP)?

A new Assessment-Only Pathway (AOP) will also be made available for individuals who are already well-informed on the Halal basics and principles.

The AOP will allow individuals to be recognised as Halal-competent **without undergoing the full training course**.



Halal Competency Assessment (HCA)

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

COST	\$125 + 8% GST
FORMAT	50 computer-based Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ)
DURATION	90 mins
PASSING MARK	75% (38/50 questions correct)
ASSESSMENT VENUE	26 Boon Lay Way #01-85 Tradehub21 Singapore 609970
ASSESSMENT REGISTRATION	Website: https://hca.studyworks.com.sg Email: support@studyworks.com.sg

Halal Competency Assessment (HCA)



WHO NEEDS TO SIT FOR THE HCA?

If you wish to take up one of the following roles for your establishment, you will be required to sit and pass the HCA.

FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENT SCHEME - CATEGORY 1:	FOR ALL OTHER SCHEMES:
(i) Owner representative (ii) Muslim personnel	(i) Halal Team Leader (ii) Halal Assurance Officer

HCA Registration and Payment

❖ Assessment will be **available from April 2023 onwards**

There are 2 ways to register for HCA:

1 Training + Assessment

- ▷ Via HCT-FL training conducted by Warees Halal Limited (WHL)
- ▷ HCA fee will included as part of course bundle: **\$350*** (before 8% GST)

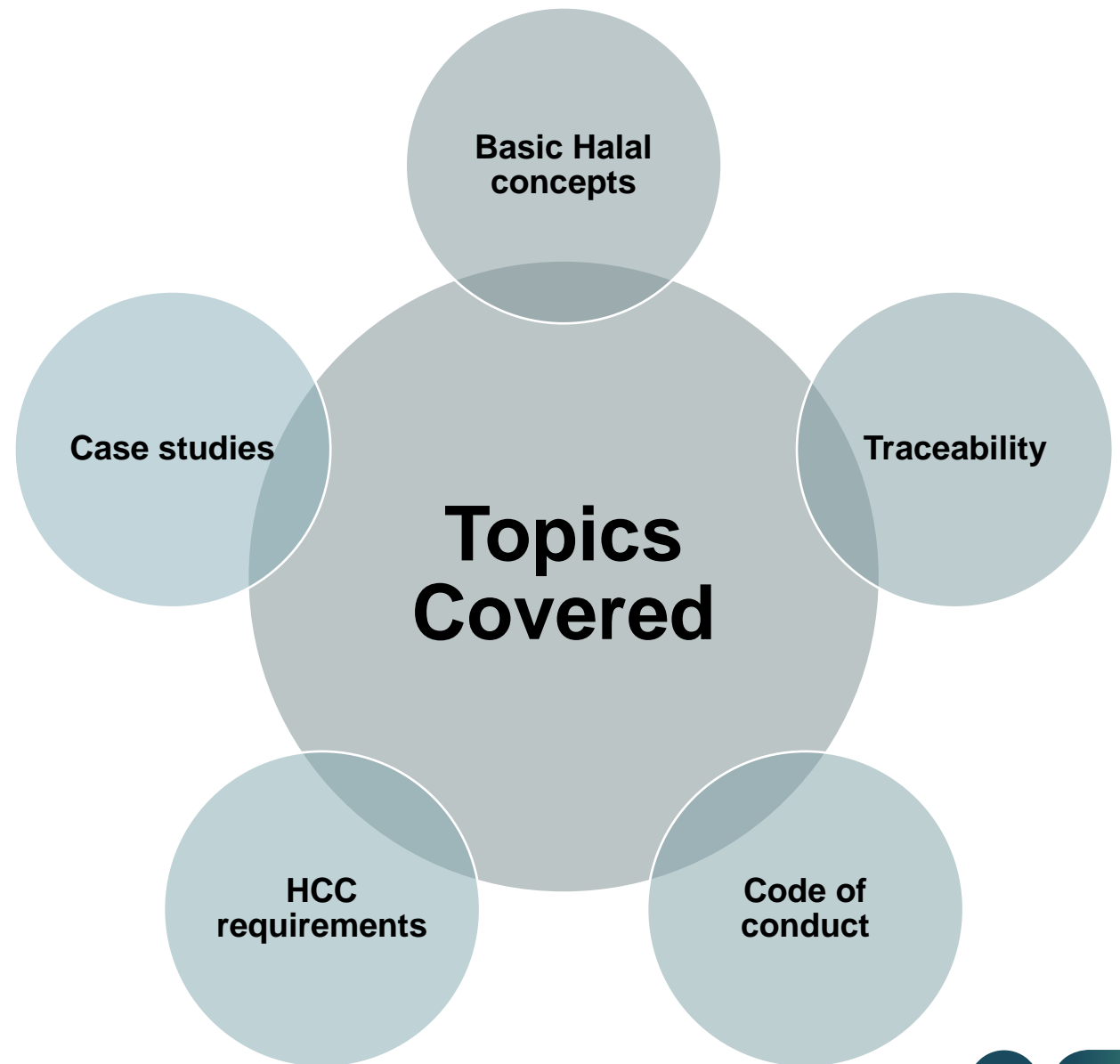
Note: Fee payable for HCT-FL is for online training with **one sitting of HCA. Fee for classroom or blended training differs.*

2 Assessment-Only Pathway

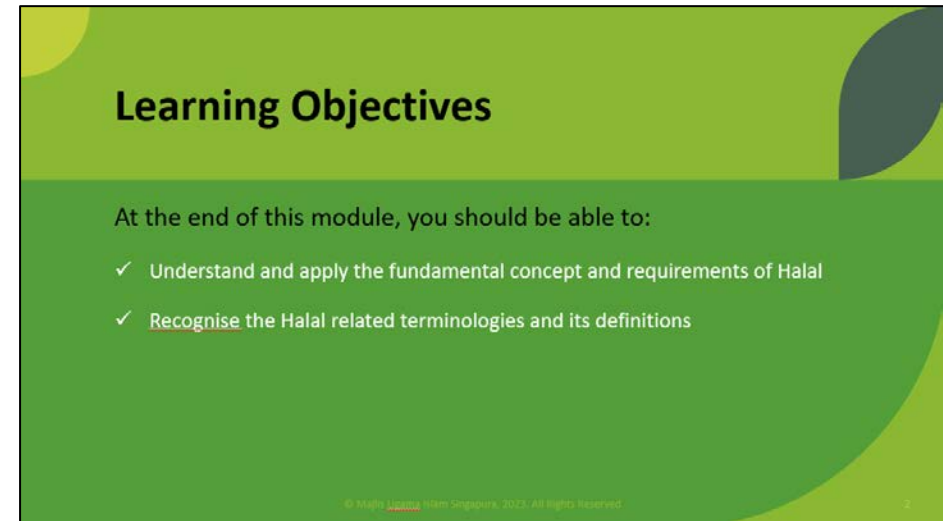
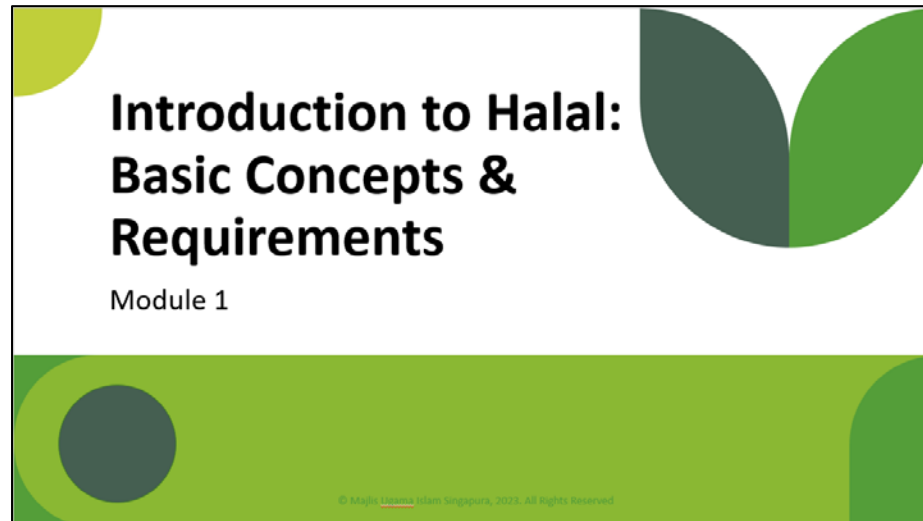
- ▷ Direct registration with Studyworks
- ▷ Payable via credit card: **\$125** (before 8% GST)



Halal Competency Assessment (HCA)



Resources made available on halal.sg



<https://www.muis.gov.sg/Halal/Halal-Certification/Halal-Competency>

Benefits of HCA

S/N	Pain points from feedback received	Addressing pain points through HCA
1	COMPETENCY	Some personnel are well equipped in Halal knowledge and principles can opt for the Assessment-Only Pathway (AOP)
2	AVAILABILITY	Assessment dates will be made available all year round. Reading materials and references will be made accessible for self-learning
3	TIME FACTOR	Assessment only last for 90 minutes with almost immediate results
4	COST FACTOR	Fees will be minimal (less than training courses)

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2 MANDATORY REFRESHER REQUIREMENT

HCA Certificate is only **valid for 5 years**. Subsequently, personnel will be required to attend and pass the HCA to be deemed competent.

Mandatory Refresher Requirement

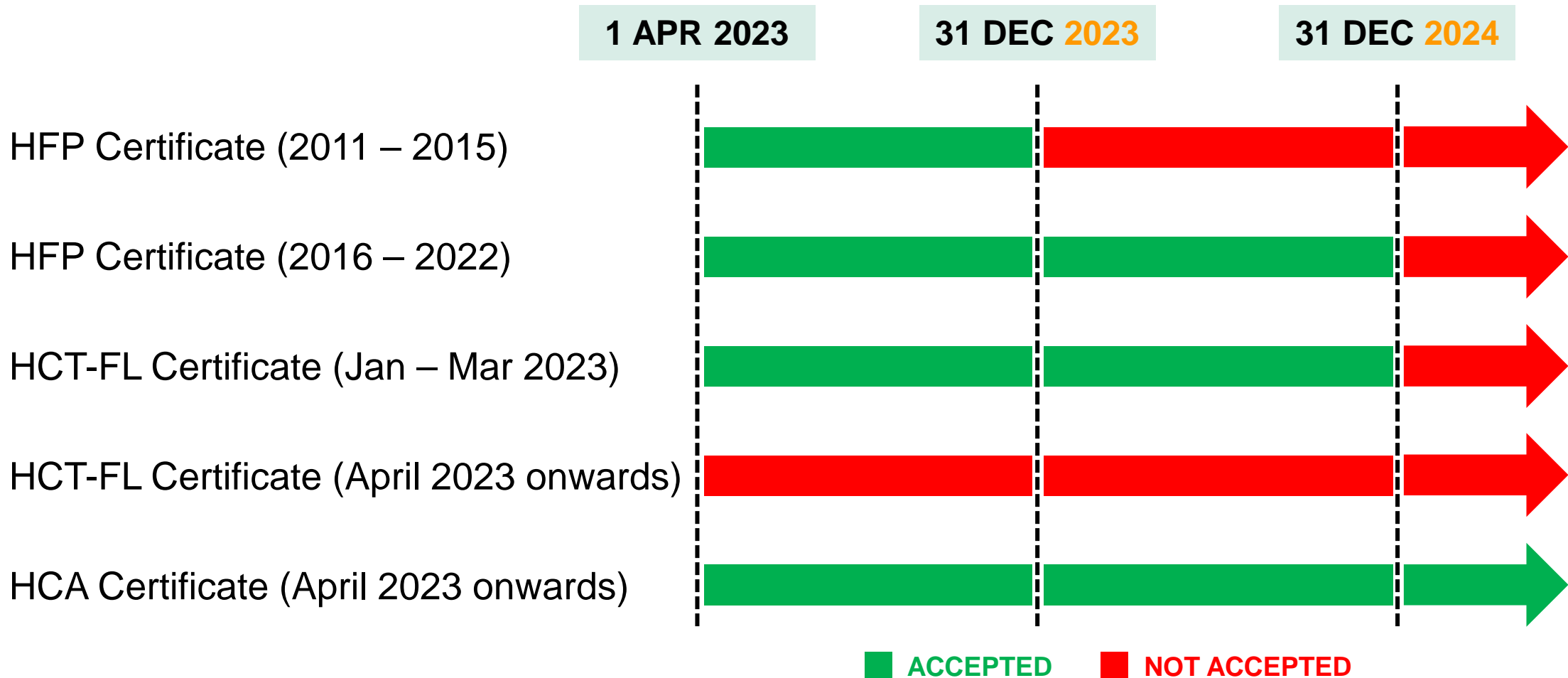
REFRESHER REQUIREMENT : SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE HCA – every 5 years

- ▶ 2-stage transition for **existing Halal training certificate holders**
- ▶ Once transition period ends, the previous HFP / HCT-FL certificates will no longer be valid

Transition	Year of HFP / HCT-FL awarded	Transition end date
Stage 1	2011 – 2015	31 December 2023
Stage 2	2016 – 31 March 2023	31 December 2024

- ▶ HCA certificate is **only valid for 5 years**. Competent personnel will need to pass subsequent HCA 5 years from the last HCA passed date

Acceptance status of certificates



Important Dates

No.	Activity	Date
1	Registration for Assessment (HCA)	27 March 2023
2	Halal Competency Assessment Slots	April 2023 onwards
3	End of Stage 1 Transition Period for use of Training Certificates to fulfil HCC requirements	31 Dec 2023
4	End of Stage 2 Transition Period for use of Training Certificates to fulfil HCC requirements	31 Dec 2024

For more information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



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