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# **LICENSING EXAMINATION STUDY OUTLINE**

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## **Module 6 Stock Market and Securities Law**

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## **STUDY OUTLINE**

### **MODULE 6: MALAYSIAN STOCK MARKET & SECURITIES LAW**

This examination is designed to test a candidate's knowledge and understanding of the rules and regulations governing the Malaysian equity market. It is one of the examinations to be passed by individuals who:

- (1) intend to apply for a Capital Market Services Representative's Licence (CMSRL) to carry on the regulated activity of dealing in securities;  
or
- (2) intend to hold the following positions in a firm which is a holder of a Capital Markets Services Licence (CMSL), for carrying on the business of dealing in securities:
  - Head of Operations
  - Head of Compliance
  - Compliance Officer;or
- (3) intend to be employees of registered persons who carry out the capital markets activities as stipulated in Item 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007.

Candidates are advised to refer to the Licensing Handbook for the detailed combination of examinations required for each regulated activity.

Candidates are expected to possess good knowledge and understanding of the subject matter provided in this study outline and specified references. In addition, candidates will be tested on their ability to analyse and apply the information at a basic level. It is estimated that this module will require a minimum of 80 hours of study time. Candidates may need less or more study time depending on the candidate's educational background and work experience.

Candidates are expected to update themselves with the latest developments in this examination as all questions will be continuously updated to reflect these changes. Candidates are permitted to refer to their own prescribed reference materials during the examination. Note that no prescribed reference materials will be provided by the Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC). The prescribed reference materials brought into the examination by candidates are subject to the terms and conditions of SIDC, details of which are set out in the terms and conditions of the SC's licensing examination.

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At the end of this study outline are 5 sample questions of various formats used in the Module 6 examination. The samples provided do not in any way reflect the level of difficulty or the subject-matter distribution of the actual examination. They are merely intended to familiarise candidates with the styles of multiple-choice questions used in the examination.

## EXAMINATION STRUCTURE

Details of this examination are as follows:

<b>Types of Questions</b>	Multiple-Choice
<b>Number of Questions</b>	60 questions
<b>Passing Mark</b>	60%
<b>Time Allocated</b>	90 minutes
<b>References /Text</b>	<p><b><u>Study Guides</u></b> eGuide Module 6: Stock Market &amp; Securities Law (<i>First Edition 2022</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Prescribed Reference Material</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Securities Commission Malaysia Act 1993</li> <li>2. Capital Markets and Services Act 2007</li> <li>3. Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad</li> <li>4. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Participating Organisations' Trading Manual</li> <li>5. Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn Bhd</li> <li>6. Guidelines on Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing for Reporting Institutions in the Capital Market</li> <li>7. Guidelines on Implementation of Targeted Financial Sanctions Relating to Proliferation Financing for Capital Market Intermediaries</li> <li>8. Guidelines on Market Conduct and Business Practices for Stockbroking Companies and Licensed Representatives</li> <li>9. Guidelines on Conduct for Capital Market Intermediaries</li> <li>10. Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework</li> <li>11. Guidance Note on Provision of Investment Advice</li> <li>12. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements</li> <li>13. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ACE Market Listing Requirements</li> <li>14. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad LEAP Market Listing Requirements</li> <li>15. Licensing Handbook</li> </ol>

## REFERENCES

The relevant references (acts and guidelines,) for this examination can be obtained from the Securities Commission Malaysia website at [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my) and relevant eGuide for this examination can be purchased from [www.sidc.com.my](http://www.sidc.com.my).

The Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn Bhd, Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements, Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ACE Market Listing Requirements and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad LEAP Market Listing Requirement are accessible via the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad website at [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com).

For more information, please visit the SIDC website at [www.sidc.com.my](http://www.sidc.com.my).

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Candidates are expected to have good knowledge, understanding and ability to apply in the following areas:

- The securities industry and its significance to the Malaysian economy
- The regulatory structure of the securities industry in Malaysia
- The laws, regulations and guidelines governing the operation of the securities industry in Malaysia
- The activities and current trends connected to money laundering and terrorism financing and the Malaysian regulatory approach towards them
- The relationship between the stockbroking company and its client
- The duty and standard of care applicable to person(s) who carries (carry) on the business of dealing in securities
- The licensing requirements of person(s) who carries (carry) on the business of dealing in securities and their representatives
- The various securities offences and description of how they are regulated
- The operations of the stock market in Malaysia

## EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

The syllabus for this examination is divided into 3 sections and the maximum composition of questions from each section is as follows:

Section	Composition of Questions (Maximum)	Number of Questions (Maximum)
Section 1	20%	12
Section 2	70%	42
Section 3	40%	24

Details of the syllabus are as below:

## SECTION 1

### **Topic 1: Overview of the Malaysian Stock Market**

1. Securities
2. The Malaysian Stock Market
3. Islamic Capital Market
4. Participants and Intermediaries in the Malaysian Stock Market
5. Development and Impact of Technology on Securities Trading

### **Topic 2: Regulation of the Securities Industry**

1. Overview of the Law
2. Regulatory Bodies in Malaysia

### **Topic 3: Business Structures**

1. Range of Business Structures
2. Companies
3. A Company's Constitution
4. General Management and Administration
5. Administration and Management of a Participating Organisation

## SECTION 2

### **Topic 4: Capital Raising on the Primary Market**

1. Primary Issues of Ordinary Shares
2. Post Listing Requirements
3. Securities Issues in the Secondary Market
4. Debt Securities and Derivative Products
5. Structured Products
6. **Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements**  
(For scope, please see APPENDIX 1)
7. **Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ACE Market Listing Requirements**  
(For scope, please see APPENDIX 2)
8. **Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad LEAP Market Listing Requirements**  
(For scope, please see APPENDIX 3)
9. **Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework**

<b>Section A</b>	:	<b>General Requirements</b>
		Chapter 1 Introduction
		Chapter 2 Definitions
		Chapter 3 Responsible Party

<b>Section B</b>	:	<b>Specific Requirements</b>
<b>Part 2</b>	:	<b>Structured Products</b>
		Chapter 1 General
		Chapter 2 Structure
		Chapter 3 Lodgement
		Chapter 4 Continuous Obligations
		Chapter 5 Revision

**Lodgement Kit: Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework**

<b>Part 2</b>	:	<b>Structured Products</b>
		Section 1: Lodgement Form - Structured Product Programme
		Section 2: Pre-issuance Notification - Structured Product Series under a Structured Product Programme
		Section 3: Monthly Post-Issuance Report

**Topic 5: Trading on the Secondary Market**

1. The Trading System
2. Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on Trading
3. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Participating Organisations' Trading Manual
4. **Guidelines on Market Conduct and Business Practices for Stockbroking Companies and Licensed Representatives**

**Part I**

- 1.0 Definitions
- 2.0 Introduction

**Part II**

- 3.0 Core Principles of Supervision
- 4.0 Primary Accountability and Responsibility for Compliance
- 5.0 Customer Due Diligence
- 6.0 Information to Customers

- 7.0 Discretionary Trades
- 8.0 Customers' Accounts and Online Trading
- 9.0 Handling Error Trades
- 9A.0 Investment Advice by Dealer's Representative
- 10.0 Managing Conflict of Interest
- 11.0 Reporting Breaches
- 12.0 Market Abuses and Unethical Business Conduct

Part III

- 3.0 Appendix: Examples of Market Abuses and Unethical Business Conduct

**5. Guidelines on Conduct For Capital Market Intermediaries**

- Chapter 1 - Introduction
- Chapter 2 - Applicability
- Chapter 3 - Related Provisions
- Chapter 4 - Definitions
- Chapter 5 - Honesty and Fairness
- Chapter 6 - Care, Skill and Diligence
- Chapter 7 - Conflict of Interest
- Chapter 8 - Client's Assets and Information
- Chapter 9 - Communication With Clients and Regulators
- Chapter 10 - Compliance
- Chapter 11- The SC's Assessment on Compliance With These Guidelines

**6. Guidelines on Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing for Reporting Institutions in the Capital Market**

- Part I : Introduction and Applicability
  - 1 Introduction
  - 2 Applicability
  - 3 Definitions
  - 4 General Description of Money Laundering
  - 5 General Description of Terrorism Financing
  - 6 General Principles and Policies to Combat Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing
- Part IA : AML/CFT Compliance Programmes and Obligations of Board of Directors, Senior Management and Compliance Officer
  - 6A. Internal Programmes, Policies, Procedures and Controls
  - 6B. Board of Directors
  - 6C. Senior Management
  - 6D. Compliance Officer



6E. Group-wide ML/TF Programmes

Part II : Risk-Based Approach Application

7. Risk- Based Approach Application

Part III : Customer Due Diligence

8. Customer Due Diligence

Part IIIA : Wire Transfer

9. Wire Transfer of Digital Assets

Part IV : Retention of Records

10. Record Keeping

Part V : Suspicious Transactions

11. Reporting on Suspicious Transactions

12. Confidentiality of Reporting

Part VI : Enforcement Orders

13. Compliance with Enforcement Orders

Part VII : Combating Terrorism Financing

14. Identification and Designation

Appendices

**7. Guidelines on Implementation of Targeted Financial Sanctions Relating to Proliferation Financing for Capital Market Intermediaries**

1. Introduction
2. Applicability
3. Definitions
4. Combating Proliferation Financing
5. Reporting Requirements
6. Appendix I

**Topic 6: Clearing, Delivery, Settlement and Corporate Actions**

1. Clearing

2. Delivery and Settlement
3. Corporate Actions
4. Other Matters

**Topic 7: Law of Contract**

1. What is the Law of Contract?
2. Essential Elements of a Contract
3. Contracts entered into on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

**Topic 8: Relationship between Stockbroking Company and Client**

1. Stockbroking Company and Client
2. Rules Governing the Stockbroking Company and Client Relationship
3. Buying Securities on the Market
4. Direct Business Transaction (DBT)
5. Participating Organisation's Duties to Clients
6. Participating Organisation's Rights
7. Client's Rights
8. Keeping of Records

**Topic 9: Negligent Misstatement**

1. Essential Elements of the Tort of Negligent Misstatement
2. Statutory Liability

## SECTION 3

### **Topic 10: Licensing**

1. Licensing Framework
2. **Guidance Note on Provision of Investment Advice**
  - Part 1 - Introduction
  - Part II - Guidance Note on Provision of Investment Advice
  - General
  - Illustrations

### **Topic 11: Securities Offences**

3. Trading in Securities: Prohibited Conduct Under the CMSA
4. Other Offences Relating to Dealing
5. Other Offences Relating to False and Misleading Statements
6. Other Offences

### **Topic 12: Take-Overs and Mergers**

1. Introduction of Take-Overs
2. General Principles and Rules on Take-Overs and Mergers
3. Types of Take-Over Offers
4. Processes and Procedures of Take-Over Offers
5. Roles and Responsibilities of a Capital Markets Services Representative's Licence (CMSRL) Holder
6. Penalties for contravention of the Code

**APPENDIX 1**

**BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Chapter 1: Definition and Interpretation**

1. Part A - Definitions
2. Part B - Interpretation

**Chapter 2: General**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Application of these Requirements
3. Part C - Documents to Comply with these Requirements
4. Part D - Information
5. Part F - Advisers/Share Registrars
6. Part G - Other Person Primarily Responsible for Listed Issuer
7. Part H - Others
8. Part I - Amendments to these Requirements

**Chapter 3: Admission**

1. Part B - Admission
2. Part C - Prize Stabilization Mechanism
3. Part D - Transfer of Listed Corporation to the Main Market

**Chapter 4: Admission for Specific Applicants**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Closed-end Funds
3. Part C - REITS
4. Part D - ETFs
5. Part E - Special Purpose Acquisition Companies
6. Part G - Stapled Securities

**Chapter 4A: Foreign Listing**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Admission Requirements for Primary Listing
3. Part C - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to Foreign Issuers with a Primary Listing
4. Part D - Admission Requirements For A Secondary Listing
5. Part E - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to Issuers With Secondary Listing

## **Chapter 8: Continuing Listing Obligations**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Continuing Listing Criteria
3. Part C - Operational Matters
4. Part H- Others
5. Part I - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to Price Stabilization Mechanism
6. Part J - Specific Continuing Listing Obligations Relating to Closed-End Funds
7. Part K - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to REITS
8. Part L - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to ETFS
9. Part M - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to Special Purpose Acquisition Companies

## **Chapter 9: Continuing Disclosure**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Corporate Disclosure Policy
3. Part C - Immediate Disclosure of Material Information
4. Part D - Thorough Public Dissemination
5. Part E - Clarification, Confirmation or Denial of Rumours or Reports
6. Part F - Response to Unusual Market Activity
7. Part G - Unwarranted Promotional Disclosure Activity
8. Part H - Insider Trading
9. Part I - Preparation of Announcements
10. Part J - Immediate Disclosure Requirements
11. Part K - Periodic Disclosures
12. Part M - Disclosure Requirements for Specific Listed Issuers
13. Part M1 - Infrastructure Project Corporations
14. Part M2 - Closed-End Funds
15. Part M3 - REITS
16. Part M4 - ETFS
17. Part M5 - Special Purpose Acquisition Companies

**APPENDIX 1 (con't)**

**Chapter 10: Transactions**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part C - Valuation and Information
4. Part D - Acquisitions and Disposals
5. Part E - Related Party Transactions
6. Part F - Very Substantial Transaction and Significant Change in the Business  
Direction or Policy
7. Part G - Other Requirements

**Chapter 12: Share Buy-Backs**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part C - General Requirements
4. Part D - Source of Funds
5. Part F - Additional Requirements

**Chapter 14: Dealings in Listed Securities**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part C - Application
4. Part D - Restrictions
5. Part E - Exemptions
6. Part F - Procedures for Dealings

**Chapter 15: Corporate Governance**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Directors
3. Part B(A) Nominating Committee
4. Part C - Audit Committee
5. Part D - Auditors
6. Part E - Corporate Governance Disclosure
7. Part F - Internal Audit

**APPENDIX 1 (con't)**

**Chapter 16: Suspension, De-Listing and Enforcement**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Trading Halt and Suspension
3. Part C - Withdrawal of Listing and De-Listing by the Exchange
4. Part D - Enforcement

## APPENDIX 2

### BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD ACE MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS

#### Chapter 1: Definitions and Interpretation

1. Part A - Definitions
2. Part B - Interpretation

#### Chapter 3: Admission

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Admission
3. Part C - Methods of Offering of Shares
4. Part D - Sponsors

#### Chapter 4: Sponsors and Recognised Approved Advisors

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part D - Sponsors' Obligations
4. Part E - Ending a Sponsorship or Removal from the Register of Sponsors
5. Part F - Review of Performance and Conduct of Sponsors
6. Part G - Rules Governing Sponsored Corporations in Dealing with Sponsors

#### Chapter 8: Continuing Listing Obligations

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Continuing Listing Criteria
3. Part C - Operational Matters
4. Part D - Sponsorship of Depository Receipts
5. Part E - Offer for Sale
6. Part F - Directors
7. Part G - Share Issuance Scheme
8. Part H - Others
9. Part I - Specific Continuing Obligations Relating to Price Stabilization Mechanism



**APPENDIX 2 (con't)**

**Chapter 9: Continuing Disclosure**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Corporate Disclosure Policy
3. Part C - Immediate Disclosure of Material Information
4. Part D - Thorough Public Dissemination
5. Part E - Clarification, Confirmation or Denial of Rumours or Reports
6. Part F - Response to Unusual Market Activity
7. Part G - Unwarranted Promotional Disclosure Activity
8. Part H - Insider Trading (9.14 and 9.15)
9. Part I - Preparation of Announcements
10. Part J - Immediate Disclosure Requirements (9.19, 9.19A, 9.20 and 9.21)
11. Part K - Periodic Disclosures
12. Part L - Circulars and Other Requirements

**Chapter 10: Transactions**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part C - Valuation and Information
4. Part D - Acquisitions and Disposals
5. Part E - Related Party Transactions
6. Part F - Very Substantial Transaction and Significant Change in the Business  
Direction or Policy
7. Part G - Other Requirements

**Chapter 12: Share Buy-Backs**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part C - General Requirements
4. Part D - Source Of Funds
5. Part F - Additional Requirements
6. Part G - Requirements Relating To Buy Back Of Odd Lot Shares

**APPENDIX 2 (con't)**

**Chapter 14: Dealings in Listed Securities**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Definitions
3. Part C - Application
4. Part D - Restrictions
5. Part E - Exemptions
6. Part F - Procedures for Dealings

**Chapter 15: Corporate Governance**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Directors
3. Part B (A) Nominating Committee
4. Part C - Audit Committee
5. Part D - Auditors
6. Part E - Corporate Governance Disclosure
7. Part F - Internal Audit

**Chapter 16: Suspension, De-Listing and Enforcement**

1. Part A - General
2. Part B - Trading Halt and Suspension
3. Part C - Withdrawal of Listing and De-Listing by the Exchange
4. Part D - Enforcement

**APPENDIX 3**

**BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD LEAP MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Chapter 1: Definitions and Interpretation**

Part A - Definitions

Part B - Interpretation

**Chapter 2: General**

Part A - General

Part B - Application of These Requirements

Part C - Information and Documents

Part D - Issuance of Documents By Electronic Means

Part E - Fees And Other Charges

Part F - Advisers

Part G - Others

Part H - Amendments To These Requirements

Part I - Exchange Holding Company And The Exchange

Part J - Qualified Market

**Chapter 3: Admission**

Part A - Admission

Part B - Methods of Offering of Securities

Part C - Continuing Advisers

Appendix 3A - Contents of information memorandum

**Chapter 4 - Advisers**

Part A - Definitions

Part B - Admission of Advisers

Part C - Adviser's Obligations

Part D - Listing Activities

Part E - Post-Listing Activities

Part F - Ending Advisory Services Or Removal From the Register of Advisers

Part G - Rules Governing Listed Corporations in Dealing With Advisers

**APPENDIX 3 (con't)**

**Chapter 5 - New Issues of Securities**

Part A - General

Part B - General Requirements For New Issue Of Securities

Part C - Requirements Relating to Placement

Part D - Requirements Relating To A Rights Issue

Part E - Requirements in Relation To A Bonus Issue

Part F - Requirements Relating To An Issue Of Convertible Securities

Appendix 5A

**Chapter 6 - Continuing Listing Obligations**

Part A - General

Part B - Continuing Listing Obligations

Part C - Continuing Disclosure

Appendix 6A

**Chapter 7 - Transactions**

Part A - General

Part B - Definitions

Part C - Valuation and Information

Part D - Discloseable Transactions

Part E - Related Party Transactions

Part F - Significant Change In The Business Direction Or Policy

Part G - Major Disposal Of Assets Resulting In Listed Corporations No Longer Suitable For Listing

Appendix 7A

**Chapter 8 - Suspension, De-Listing and Enforcement**

Part A - General

Part B - Trading Halt and Suspension

Part C - Withdrawal of Listing and De-Listing By The Exchange

Part D - Enforcement

Appendix 8A

Appendix 8B

Appendix 8C

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Question 1

Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad carries out all of the following functions, EXCEPT:

- (A) governs the conduct of its Participants in securities dealings
- (B) is responsible for surveillance of the market place
- (C) is responsible for enforcement of its Listing Requirements
- (D) is responsible for performing the annual audit of its Participants' accounts

### Question 2

Pursuant to the Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, in which of the following situations should a Participating Organisation request for additional margin from its margin account clients?

- (i) Unusual rapid or volatile changes in value of securities
  - (ii) Active trading by client
  - (iii) Non-existence of active market
  - (iv) Suspension of securities from trading
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- (A) (i) and (ii) only
  - (B) (iii) and (iv) only
  - (C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
  - (D) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only

### Question 3

In Malaysia, the law of contract is governed by:

- (i) The consent of the parties
  - (ii) The Contracts Act 1950
  - (iii) The rules of common law and equity
  - (iv) The consideration issued by the parties
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- (A) (i) and (ii) only
  - (B) (ii) and (iv) only
  - (C) (ii) and (iii) only
  - (D) (iii) and (iv) only

**Question 4**

**Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad may do all of the following EXCEPT:**

- (A) fine, suspend or expel a Participant
- (B) suspend a dealer's representative licence
- (C) investigate and adjudicate upon a complaint by a non-Participant
- (D) notify Participants of a defaulting non-Participant

**Question 5**

**Where a contract for the sale of shares exists, to whom do the rights and obligations under the contract apply?**

- (i) To the buyer of the shares
  - (ii) To the seller of the shares
  - (iii) To Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad through whom the shares are traded
  - (iv) To the provider of a secured loan to the buyer
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- (A) (i) and (ii) only
  - (B) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
  - (C) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only
  - (D) All of the above

**Answers**

**Sample Question 1 - D**

**Sample Question 2 - C**

**Sample Question 3 - C**

**Sample Question 4 - B**

**Sample Question 5 - A**