

Overview

The Environmental, Social and Governance ["ESG"] agenda in doing business as well as its reporting has been gaining traction since Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ["Bursa"] mandated listed issuers to adopt sustainability reporting for financial year ended on or after 31 December 2016 on a phased approach for the Main and ACE Markets.

In September 2022, Bursa's Listing Requirements were amended where listed issuers [both Main & ACE Markets] are required to include in their sustainability statements the prescribed disclosure of 11 common sustainability matters, including the 22 associated performance indicators, and Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ["TCFD"]

Since then, specific standards on sustainability disclosure have emerged, the latest being the International Sustainability Standards Board ["ISSB"] IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standard S1 General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information; and IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standard S2 Climate-related Disclosures.

On **24 September 2024**, Securities Commission and Bursa Malaysia rolled out the **National Sustainability Reporting Framework ["NSRF"]**, which sets out, interalia the following recommendations to be implemented through a phased and developmental approach:

- using the **ISSB Standards** as the baseline sustainability disclosure standards for listed issuers and large non-listed companies; and
- requiring reasonable assurance [i.e., by independent assurance providers] on Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas ["GHG"] emissions.

In alignment with NSRF, Bursa issued a set of consultation papers on **25 September 2024**, aimed to enhance sustainability reporting requirements by listed issuers in conjunction with S1 and S2, as well as providing clarity on the status of the prescribed common sustainability matters previously mandated under the September 2022 amendments.

Target Audience

Company directors, listed issuers, company secretaries, CEOs, lawyers, accountants, corporate consultants and anyone who interested on the topic

Course outlines

This half-day session [9.00am to 1.00pm with a 20-minute break in between] is aimed to apprise Directors and Management of listed issuers on the implications arising from the above-mentioned changes, and covers the following scope and contents:

- Introduction of session
- A typical Governance Structure of a listed corporation
- Definition of sustainability & key rationale for its growing prominence in business
- Chronology of events in the sustainability reporting journey [from Corporate Social Responsibility ["CSR"] to Sustainability-related Risks and Opportunities]
- Overview of the National Sustainability Reporting Framework, covering the key elements and who will be affected by this Framework
- Key matters in Bursa's Consultation Paper issued on 25 September 2024 - proposed amendments to Sustainability Reporting, including additional information on the prescribed common sustainability matter pertaining to "ethnicity
- What's the fate on assurance by independent parties to prevent "green-washing"?
- Reconciling the 5 Practices on Sustainability under the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ["MCCG"] with the NSRF and Bursa's Proposed Amendments on Sustainability Reporting
- Implications of NSRF, MCCG and Bursa's Proposed Amendments to the listed issuer, its Board, Board Committees and Management in respect of their fiduciary obligations
- Key learning points & takeaways
- Questions & Comments

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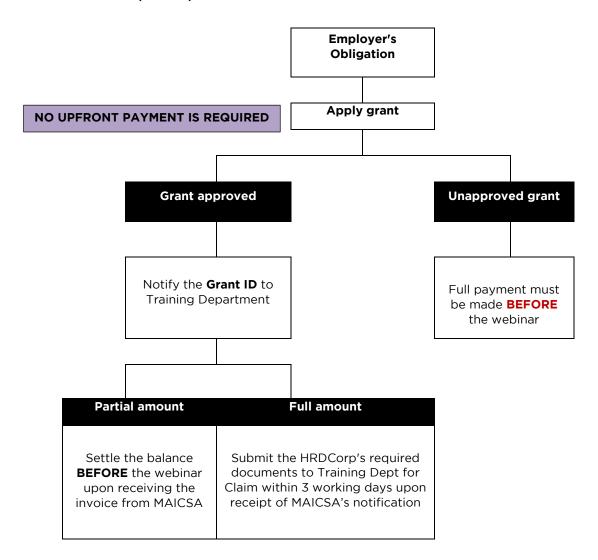
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