

AAOIFI Certificate of Proficiency in Shari'ah Standards

CPSS study text

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Introduction

Certificate of Proficiency in Shari'ah Standards [CPSS] is based on the AAOIFI Shari'ah Standards issued by AAOIFI.

This advanced-level certification is designed for Islamic finance professionals seeking to develop correct understanding, interpretation and implementation skills in the requirements of Shari'ah standards.

The emphasis of the certificate lies in building robust technical and practical knowledge, focusing on real-world applications of Shari'ah standards within Islamic financial institutions (IFIs) and for transactions in the realm of Islamic finance.

Curriculum and examinable content

The curriculum of the CPSS program comprise of all the Shari'ah standards issued by AAOIFI, which are currently effective or will be effective within eight months of the given exam window.

As of 2024, the examinable content of the certificate includes standards classified in following five parts, where each part has been assigned a weightage based on their market importance, relevance and practicality:

- Part A: Shari'ah fundamentals – 7% weightage
- Part B: Islamic finance contracts and related topics – 71% weightage
- Part C: Islamic banking – 7% weightage
- Part D: Islamic financial markets – 10% weightage
- Part E: Islamic Insurance (Takaful) – 5% weightage

Candidates will be tested of their conceptual and practical understanding of the rationale, the requirements and the basis of conclusion of the Shari'ah standards.

Part A: Shari'ah fundamentals

No.	SS No.	Title	Page no.	Weightage
1		Concepts of Riba, basic prohibitions and Islamic law of contract	8	7%
2	SS 31	Controls on Gharar in Financial Transactions	53	
3	SS 25	Combination of Contracts	75	

Part B: Islamic finance contracts and related topics

No.	SS No.	Title	Page no.	Weightage	
B-1 Trade				15%	
4	SS 1	Trading in Currencies	102		
5	SS 8	Murabahah	122		
6	SS 30	Monetization (Tawarruq)	160		
7	SS 20	Sale of Commodities in Organised Markets	174		
8	SS 10	Salam and Parallel Salam	194		
9	SS 11	Istisna'a and Parallel Istisna'a	218		
10	SS 57	Gold and its Trading Parameters in Shari'ah	248		
11	SS 18	Possession (Qabd)	279		
12	SS 38	Online Financial Dealings	303		
13	SS 42	Financial Rights and How They Are Exercised and Transferred	323		
B-2 Lease					5%
14	SS 9	Ijarah and Ijarah Muntahia Bittamleek	346		
B-3 Services					7%
15	SS 23	Agency and the Act of an Uncommissioned Agent (Fodooli)	381		
16	SS 46	Al-Wakalah Bi Al-Istithmar (Investment Agency)	405		
17	SS 15	Jua'lah	423		
18	SS 34	Hiring of Persons	441		
B-4 Partnership				11%	
19	SS 12	Sharikah (Musharakah) and Modern Corporations	468		
20	SS 13	Mudarabah	512		

21	SS 45	Protection of Capital and Investments	538	
22	SS 40	Distribution of Profit in Mudarabah-based Investments Accounts	556	
23	SS 50	Irrigation Partnership (Musaqat)	580	
B-5 Options and promises				9%
24	SS 53	Arboun (Earnest Money)	603	
25	SS 48	Options to Terminate Due to Breach of Trust (Trust-Based Options)	617	
26	SS 51	Options to Revoke Contracts Due to Incomplete Performance	631	
27	SS 52	Options to Reconsider (Cooling-Off Options, Either-Or Options, and Options to Revoke Due to Non-Payment)	647	
28	SS 54	Revocation of Contracts by Exercise of a Cooling-Off Option	665	
29	SS 49	Unilateral and Bilateral Promise	679	
30	SS 58	Repurchase Agreement / Buyback	695	
31	SS 36	Impact of Contingent Incidents on Commitments	715	
B-6 Guarantees, documentary credit and Rahn				5%
32	SS 5	Guarantees	732	
33	SS 39	Mortgage and its Contemporary Applications	760	
34	SS 56	Liability of Investment Manager	786	
35	SS 14	Documentary Credit	803	
B-7 Dealing with debts				10%
36	SS 59	Sale of Debt	834	
37	SS 4	Settlement of Debts by Set-Off	868	
38	SS 7	Hawalah	884	
39	SS 3	Procrastinating Debtor	908	
40	SS 43	Insolvency	928	
41	SS 19	Loan (Qard)	950	
B-8 Islamic social finance				5%
42	SS 35	Zakah	973	
43	SS 60	Waqf	1013	

B-9 Miscellaneous				4%
44	SS 22	Concession Contracts	1062	
45	SS 32	Arbitration	1084	
46	SS 29	Stipulations and Ethics of Fatwa in the Institutional Framework	1104	
47	SS 47	Rules for Calculating Profit in Financial Transactions	1124	

Part C: Islamic banking

No.	SS No.	Title	Page no.	Weightage
48	SS 28	Banking Services	1137	7%
49	SS 61	Payment Cards	1151	
50	SS 24	Syndicated Financing	1180	
51	SS 37	Credit Agreement	1198	
52	SS 44	Obtaining and Deploying Liquidity	1220	
53	SS 55	Competitions and Prizes	1234	
54	SS 6	Conversion of a Conventional Bank to an Islamic Bank	1254	

Part D: Islamic financial markets

No.	SS No.	Title	Page no.	Weightage
55	SS 17 / 62	Investment Sukuk / Sukuk ¹	1279 / 1305	10%
56	SS 21	Financial Papers (Shares and Bonds)	1479	
57	SS 27	Indices	1507	
58	SS 16	Commercial Papers	1525	

¹ Shari'ah Standard No. 62 "Sukuk" is currently in exposure draft stage and will replace Shari'ah Standard No. 17 shortly. Whereas SS 62 will not be tested in 2024, candidates are nevertheless highly recommended to study the standard for deeper and clearer understanding of the topic

Part E: Islamic insurance (Takaful)

No.	SS No.	Title	Page no.	Weightage
59	SS 26	Islamic Insurance	1550	5%
60	SS 41	Islamic Reinsurance	1578	

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