## Application for Registration as a Charity

## Registration Checklist:

- 1. Do you know the obligations and responsibilities for registered charities? Please refer to the Starter Kit to find out more.
- 2. Before you begin, you should consider the following questions:
- Have I considered joining or collaborating with existing charities? A list of registered charities can be found via the <u>Charity Portal</u>.
- Will the purposes of my organisation fit within the scope of charitable purpose as recognised by the Commissioner of Charities?
- Does my organisation satisfy the following key legislative conditions for registration as a charity:
  - The Governing Instrument of my organisation provide for its purposes, and such purposes are exclusively charitable;
  - The purposes of my organisation are beneficial wholly or substantially to the community in Singapore;
  - My organisation has at least three governing board members, at least two of whom are Singapore citizens or permanent residents?
- Does my organisation have a valid <u>legal entity</u> set-up or is set-up as a charitable trust?
- Does my organisation's <u>Governing Instrument</u> meet the Commissioner of Charities requirements? Click here to download the requirements.
- Does my organisation's legal name contain <u>restricted words</u>?
- Do I have my organisation's <u>2-year activities and fund disbursement</u> plans ready?
- Has my organisation put in place policies and procedures on the management of avoidance of conflict of interest? Please refer to the code of governance for more details.

Note: Religious organisations intending to be registered as a charity have to ensure that its place of activities operate within URA-approved zone. For more details, please visit <u>URA's website</u> and check if the organisation's area for religious use is conducted in premises zoned as Place of Worship in the Master Plan of URA.