

FUTURE SKILLS FRAMEWORK FOR THE MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL SECTOR

Future-proofing talent for a sustainable workforce





The advancements in AI underscore the necessity of evolving and investing in our talent ecosystem to prepare for the workforce of the future.

Deputy Governor Adnan Zaylani Mohamad Zahid at the 3rd Malaysian Banking Conference 2024

The **Future Skills Framework (FSF)** is an industry initiative by the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB), Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia (IBFIM), and Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII). It is featured as an integral part of the Financial Sector Blueprint 2022-2026 that was released by Bank Negara Malaysia in January 2022. It consists of four key components.

1 Key Findings

5 key findings as a result of 6 key trends impacting the workforce across 7 financial services sub-sectors

Career Development Pathways

Potential career development pathways across different job roles

2 Job Roles and Skills

Details on 14 job clusters, 159 job roles and 157 skills that are aligned with the industry's needs for the next 3 years

4 Capacity-Building

Relevant learning providers and programmes for the acquisition of necessary skills

Benefits of the FSF

FINANCIAL SECTOR EMPLOYEES AND JOB ASPIRANTS

Gain insights into the future skills that are required and the suitable capacity-building programmes for skills mastery and continuous learning.

CAPACITY-BUILDING PROVIDERS

Obtain guidance in developing relevant and practical curricula to more effectively support learners.

FINANCIAL SECTOR EMPLOYERS

Gain clarity on how job roles will shift in size and nature, and as a result, better manage supply and demand. The FSF can serve as a guide for further validation and strategic planning.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Obtain guidance in formulating targeted development initiatives and provide input on further developing the workforce.

Financial Services Sub-sectors Covered by the FSF

1	•	Retail Banking Islamic Retail Banking	
2	•	Corporate and Commercial Banking Islamic Corporate and Commercial Banking	
3	•	Investment Banking Islamic Investment Banking	
4	•	Development Financial Institutions	
5	•	Digital Banking Islamic Digital Banking	
6	•	Insurance Takaful	
7	•	Digital Insurance Digital Takaful	

Financial institutions and professionals conducting regulated activities as specified by the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 are advised to refer to the Industry Competency Framework of the Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC) for the relevant competencies and recommended capacity-building programmes.

Key Trends and Findings from the FSF

6 Key Trends Impacting the Malaysian Financial Sector Workforce



CUSTOMER-CENTRICITY



EMPLOYEE-CENTRICITY



SUSTAINABILITY



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (GenAl)



CYBERSECURITY

5 Key Findings

Digital transformation and GenAl are increasingly pervasive, forcing FIs to drive their value across the business



17 emerging job roles are increasingly important



6 key roles in the areas of digital and technology, sustainability and Shariah are evolving



'Skills-First' strategy is crucial to ensure FIs adapt to industry trends and unlock talent potential



Skills adjacencies allow for the development of flexible career pathways

Skills Clusters Covered by the FSF

To meet future workplace demands and enable talent upskilling and reskilling, the FSF emphasises a blend of technical and fundamental skills.



Prime Skills Clusters

Consisting of a total of 142 Technical Skills of priority that are job role-specific





Power Skills Clusters

Consisting of a total of 15 Fundamental Skills relevant for all job roles, complementing Prime Skills



Skills that enable individuals to be creative, adapt effectively to changing circumstances and elevate personal effectiveness to drive results

Adaptability and Resiliency	Business Acumen
Change Management	Critical Thinking
Digital Fluency	Innovative Thinking
Learning Agility	Problem-Solving
Sustainability Awareness	



Skills that enable individuals to effectively understand different perspectives, and collaborate with one another to achieve common goals and develop others

Coaching and Mentoring Communication Empathy

g	Collaboration
	Conflict Management
	Influencing and Negotiating

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