



Shaykh Abdurragmaan Khan

Lecturer and Researcher in Islamic Studies

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Religious and Academic Formation

Shaykh Abdurragmaan Khan commenced his traditional Islamic studies at the age of sixteen, demonstrating an early commitment to the pursuit of Islamic knowledge. He completed the memorization of the entire Qurʿan under the guidance of Shaykh Ismail Londt at Dar Ubaiy Institute in the year 2000, achieving this significant milestone through dedicated study and spiritual discipline. He subsequently graduated from Dar al-Ulum al-Arabiyyah al-Islamiyyah (DUAL) in Strand in 2006, benefiting greatly from its distinguished faculty, particularly its founder and principal, Maulana Taha Karaan. From 2007 to 2010, he furthered his specialized studies in Islamic jurisprudence (Fatawa) and Islamic commercial transactions under the direct mentorship of Maulana Taha Karaan.

Qurʿanic Specialization

From 2010 to 2012, Shaykh Abdurragmaan pursued advanced Qurʿanic studies with a specialization in recitation according to the classical path of the Shatibiyyah under the instruction of Qari Saleem Gaibie in Cape Town. Additionally, he holds an ijazah in the Qiraʿah (recitation) of Imam Kisaʿi, a credential he received from Shaykh Idris of Malawi, further establishing his expertise in the diverse traditions of Qurʿanic recitation.

Scholarly Credentials and Authorizations

Shaykh Abdurragmaan has received ijazah ʿammah (general authorization to teach and transmit Islamic knowledge) from numerous luminaries and esteemed scholars of the Islamic tradition, including including Ḥabib Umar bin Ḥafiz; Maulana Yusuf Karaan, the former Mufti of Cape Town; Habib Ali al-Mashhur, the former Mufti of Tarim; Ḥabib Umar al-Jaylani, the Shafiʿi Mufti of Makkah; Sayyid Ahmad bin Abi Bakr al-Ḥabshi; Ḥabib Kazim al-Saqqaf; Shaykh Maḥmud Saʿid Mamduh; Maulana Abdul Ḥafiz al-Makki; Shaykh Ala al-Din al-Afghani; Maulana Fazlur Rahman al-Azami; and Shaykh Yahya al-Ghawthani. These authorizations reflect his standing within the Islamic scholarly community and his qualification to teach Islamic sciences at the highest levels.



Professional Leadership and Administrative Roles

Shaykh Abdurragmaan Khan holds several significant positions of leadership and responsibility within the Islamic community. He is the Mufti of the Muslim Judicial Council and the Rector of Dar al-Turath al-Islami (DTI). He also teaches, holds executive positions in several organisations, and serves the community. He serves as the Mufti of the Muslim Judicial Council, providing authoritative guidance on matters of Islamic law and jurisprudence. He established and directs Rector of Dar al-Turath al-Islami (DTI), which is dedicated to the preservation and transmission of Islamic heritage and knowledge. He also serves as Imam at Masjid Ghiedmah al-Islamiyyah located on Taronga Road in Cape Town, leading congregational prayers and providing spiritual guidance to the community.

Teaching Experience and Educational Contributions

Following his graduation from DUA, Shaykh Abdurragmaan taught at the institution, contributing to the education of numerous students in Islamic sciences. He has also taught for Seekers Guidance, an online Islamic education platform, making Islamic knowledge accessible to a global audience. Additionally, he appears regularly on the Voice of the Cape Radio, where he addresses contemporary Islamic issues and provides guidance to listeners.

Institutional Founding and Development

Shaykh Abdurragmaan has played a pivotal role in establishing and developing several significant Islamic organizations. He established Dar al-Turath al-Islami (DTI) in 2009 and co-founded the Maḥabbah Foundation in 2011. He joined Muslim Judicial Council Fatwah Committee in 2013, contributing his expertise to the provision of Islamic legal guidance.

Da'wah and Community Service

Shaykh Abdurragmaan travels regularly for the purpose of calling to Allah.

