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Kickstart Your Tech Career with PayNet's Program Akar Powered by AWS re/Start!

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 February 2025 – PayNet's Program Akar Powered by AWS re/Start, the prestigious talent development initiative, announced today that applications for its second cohort will open soon. Registration will be available from 1 March to 7 March 2025.

Launched in 2024, the programme addresses Malaysia's urgent need for a digitally skilled workforce by equipping university students with essential cloud computing skills, values-driven power skills, hands-on experience in digital payments and technology, and access to exciting career opportunities.

Key Benefits of the Programme

Selected participants will gain: -

- **Industry-Recognised Certifications** – AWS re/Start Certificate of Completion, AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (CLF-C02) exam voucher, Digital Payment Certificate, and Values-Driven Enrichment Program Certificate.
- **Practical & Experiential Learning** – Hands-on training in cloud computing and digital payments, covering programming, networking, security, and databases, along with experiential learning in values-driven power skills such as critical thinking, empathy, resiliency, and adaptability.
- **Career Advancement** – Gain access to internships or full-time roles with industry partners, paving the way for careers in cloud computing and digital payments. Note that such opportunities may predominantly be based in the Klang Valley.

Eligibility and Training Journey

The programme is open to Bachelor's Degree students with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 in the following fields of study who are seeking internship or placement opportunities:

- Computer Science
- Software Engineering
- Information Technology
- Security/Cyber Security

- Fintech
- Artificial Intelligence
- Engineering with proficiency in programming languages

Selected candidates will undergo a fully funded 12-week virtual training programme from 10 March to 9 June 2025, covering key areas such as cloud technologies and digital payments.

In addition, participants are required to attend in-person sessions, which may include the **Values-Driven Enrichment Program**, as well as the launching and graduation ceremonies. These sessions will be held in Klang Valley and participants are required to bear their own travel and accommodation costs for these sessions.

A Pathway to a Successful Career

Graduates of **Program Akar Powered by AWS re/Start** will gain a strong foundation in cloud computing and digital payments, opening doors to exciting career opportunities in these rapidly growing industries.

The programme not only provides technical expertise but also develops essential **power skills** such as critical thinking, adaptability, resilience, and empathy - key qualities for success in today's workforce.

This is a unique opportunity to acquire in-demand skills, earn industry-recognised certifications, and gain hands-on experience through industry networking and real-world applications.

👉 **Don't miss out!** Apply for **Program Akar Powered by AWS re/Start** today. For more information and to apply, visit www.paynet.my.

For inquiries, please visit PayNet's social media platforms.

Registration closes on 7 March 2025. Slots are limited - secure your spot now!

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About PayNet

Payments Network Malaysia (PayNet) is Malaysia's national payments network with a mission to accelerate the country's payment flows by making the digital payment infrastructure more accessible, widespread, and secure. Our comprehensive retail payments suite—including DuitNow (QR and Transfer), JomPAY (Bill

Payments), FPX (Online), MyDebit (Domestic Debit), MEPS, and IBG (Interbank GIRO)—provides extensive coverage across the nation, forming a core part of daily life in Malaysia.

Additionally, PayNet's real-time retail QR payments network, DuitNow, is interoperable with domestic schemes in Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia, facilitating seamless cross-border transactions with these countries. PayNet is committed to promoting a secure, efficient, and innovative payments ecosystem in Malaysia and works closely with its stakeholders to develop new products and services that meet the evolving needs of consumers and businesses. For further details, please visit our website: www.paynet.my.

About Program Akar Powered by AWS re/Start

Program Akar Powered by AWS re/Start is an innovative initiative designed to bridge the skills gap in **cloud computing** and **digital payments**.

This programme provides university students with industry-recognised certifications, hands-on learning experiences, and potential job opportunities.

In collaboration with AWS re/Start and PayNet Akar, the programme aims to develop future digital visionary leaders for the country by equipping them with technical expertise and values-driven power skills needed to thrive in today's fast-evolving job market.