

HAJ-2018, MOST URGENT/ TIME BOUND

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Sub:- Announcement of Haj 1439 (H)-2018 – Reg.

The Haj Committee of India (HCoI) is pleased to announce the programme for Haj-2018 shall commence on 15.11.2017 to call for applications from Indian Muslims, who intended to perform Haj and holding International Passport issued on or before 07.12.2017 and valid up to 14.02.2019. The guidelines and Haj application Form (HAF) for Haj1439 (H)-2018 (C.E) will be available for intending pilgrims on the website of HCoI www.hajcommittee.gov.in from 15th November, 2017. HAF can be filled either Online at hajcommittee.gov.in. or through android mobile app “HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA” available on play store. Haj Applications can also filled manually in the blank proforma available on the website. Photocopies of the proforma can also be used. While distributing / receiving application form, the following instructions may be strictly adhered.

1. All the intending pilgrims should read the Haj Guidelines -2018 carefully before filling the HAFs and forwarded through Deputy Collectors / Sub Divisional Officers concerned Island except Kavaratti Island receiving directly by Haj Cell.
2. Ensure that the filled HAFs is complete in all respects and is accompanied by requisite enclosures/documents etc. as enumerated in the Guidelines. You are requested to issue acknowledgment for receipt of HAF and shall be issued to the head of cover on behalf of State Haj Committee.
3. **There is a ban on Repeaters**, who has already performed haj in any earlier through HCoI, exception allowed for Mehram of a female pilgrim or companion of age 70+ pilgrim, if no other Mehram / Companion is available and if he/she pays full airfare as decided by Ministry. In case, the lady pilgrim or age 70+ pilgrims cancel their pilgrimage, then the seat of such Repeater pilgrim shall also be cancelled automatically. Such Repeater pilgrims have to submit a declaration in the format attached to the Guidelines.
4. **Cover:** Cover refers to the applicants applying together as a group. Only close family members or near relatives should apply in a single Cover. The Cover

head shall be an adult male only and shall be responsible for payments of all the applicants included in the Cover. The size of the Cover shall be minimum 1 (one) and Maximum 4 (four) adults and 2 (two) infants only. Payments shall be made in a single Pay-in-slip form/deposit slip.

5. For Manual/Online submission, one application for each pilgrims has to submit with duly filled application to SHC for generating cover number. HAF should be filled in **English only, using BLOCK LETTERS** and strictly in accordance with Guidelines.
6. **Submission of Passport :** Reserved Category –A (age 70+ with companion) shall submit HAF along with Original International Passport and one photograph having white background (size 3.5 cm x 3.5 cm) attached to the back of Passport with adhesive tape as prescribed in first inner page of the Guidelines and HAF.
7. All the applicants from General Category, shall submit HAF along with a self attested copy of passport. Those who get provisionally selected in Qurrah, must submit their original passport and one photograph, attached to the back of passport with adhesive tape, by the date to be announced subsequently.
8. **Medical Screening and Fitness Certificate :** To be submitted by the selected pilgrims only.
9. **Reserved Category –A: 70+ Applicants** who complete 70 years or more as on 14th November, 2017 (i.e. applicants who were born on or before 15th November, 1947), along with ONE companion of the age below 50 years will be registered under this category. Companion is must and no 70+ applicant alone will be registered under this category. The Companion should be an immediate relative namely Husband/wife/Brother/Sister/Son/Daughter or Grandson/Granddaughter or Son-in-law or Nephew/Niece. No other relation will be allowed to travel as companion.
10. **Solemn declaration and Undertaking** of concerned Category shall be enclosed with HAF.
11. Applicant who opt **Adahi (Qurbani)** coupon through Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will be arranged by HCoI. Those who do not offer Adahi through IDB there is a option Yes or No, in the Guidelines, pleas mark appropriate option.
12. **Accommodation:** There are two categories of accommodation in Makkah viz, Green and Aziziya. The pilgrims are required to indicate their option in the HAF. The option once exercised shall be final and irrevocable.
 - a) **Green:** The buildings in this category will be within ad distance of 1000 meters from the outer periphery of Haram Sharief (and not form Ka'ba). As per the instruction of Saudi Authorities, cooking strictly prohibited in the buildings in Green Category. The pilgrims have to make their own arrangements for meals by purchasing form restaurants, hotels etc.

