

Haj Committee of India

(Statutory body of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India)

Ref. HC-24/52/2021-2022/899

15th December, 2021.

CIRCULAR

Haj - 2022

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Subject: - Relaxation in upper age limit for making online application for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.) – regarding.

In continuation to this office Circular No.4/Haj-2022 (Reference No.HC-24/52/2021-2022/884 dated 14th December, 2021, it is further notified that in view of relaxation in upper age limit considered by the Government for making online applications for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.), Clause c) of para 4.1 “TENTATIVE ELIGIBILITY OF HAJ” of the Tentative Guidelines for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.) will now be read as :

“Haj Repeater is an individual who has already performed Haj through HCol “once in a life time”. Haj Repeater is, however, eligible as a Mehram of a Female pilgrim or Companion of age 70+ Pilgrim, if no other Mehram/Companion (who has not performed Haj) is available. In case, the Lady Pilgrim or age 70+ pilgrim cancel their pilgrimage, then the Haj seat of such Repeater shall also stands automatically “CANCELLED”. Haj Repeater will have to submit a Declaration in the prescribed format attached to the Guidelines. However, in case Saudi Authorities do not allow Repeater in case of those travelling as Mehram of a Female pilgrim (First Timer) or Companion of age 70+ Pilgrim (First Timer), the same will be applicable in accordance with the Saudi Guidelines”.

It is to reiterate that all the arrangements for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.) are being made under Special Circumstances with special norms, rules and regulations, eligibility criteria, age restrictions, health and fitness requirements and other relevant conditions as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may determine and deem appropriate amid Covid - 19 Pandemic. However, the entire process of inviting online applications for Haj – 2022 is provisional subject to further changes or amendments in guidelines by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

(Mohd. Yakoob Shekha)
Chief Executive Officer. 19/12/21

- Encl.: 1) Proforma of Solemn Declaration & Undertaking for **Reserved Category (Age 70+ Applicant)**; and
2) Proforma of Solemn Declaration & Undertaking for **Repeaters (in case of Companion of Age 70+ pilgrim/s)**.

To,

1. The Joint Secretary (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. The Consul (Haj), Consulate General of India, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
3. The Director (Haj), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. The Executive Officer, All State / U.T. Haj Committees.
5. The Deputy Executive Officer (Op./Admin./Accounts), Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
6. All Superintendents, Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.
7. PS / Secretariat Section, Haj Committee of India, Mumbai.

**SOLEMN DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING
for Reserved Category (Age 70+ applicant)**

I, Mr./Mrs./Miss _____ S/W/D/o. _____

Indian citizen, do hereby solemnly declare on oath in the name of ALLAH that :

1. I have/will attain the age of 70 years as on **31st May, 2022** and my Date of Birth as per my International Passport is _____.
 2. I am also aware that Qurrah (draw of lots) will be held within the Reserved Category if applications received under the Reserved Category are more than the allotted Quota of the State. Hence, I shall not claim selection in such a situation as a matter of right.
 3. I have never proceeded for Haj either through Haj Committee of India or Private Tour Operator or by any other means. Thus, this is my first Haj journey in my entire life-time. If it is detected at any stage that I have already performed Haj, my seat shall be cancelled at any stage and the entire amount deposited shall be forfeited.
 4. Mr./Mrs./Miss _____ S/W/D/o. _____, aged _____ years, Indian citizen who is my relative i.e. my Husband / Wife / Brother / Sister / Son / Daughter / Son-in-law / Daughter-in-law / Grandson / Granddaughter / Nephew / Niece, shall be my companion.
 5. I am aware that HCoI reserves the right to change the Embarkation Point opted by me. In such case, I shall be abide by the decision of HCoI and shall not show any resentment, whatsoever, against the decision of HCoI.
- Date :** _____
- Place :** _____ **Signature / Thumb impression of the applicant.**
6. I/We undertake and mutually agree to take care of each other and belongings of each other during entire Haj journey.
 7. I have read / understood the Guidelines for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.), specifically with regard to Tentative Eligibility (para – 4.1), Cost, Payments and Confirmation (para – 9), Cancellation (para – 10), Refunds (para – 11), Baggage (para – 15), Flight (para – 18), Accommodation in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (para – 20) and undertake to abide by the same.
 8. I/We authorize Haj Committee of India to procure Saudi Riyals on our behalf for disbursal / remittance to CGI.
 9. I/We understand that Haj Committee of India works without profit motive and does not attract the provisions of Consumer Protection Act, 2019. Further, we understand that the Courts of Greater Mumbai only shall exercise jurisdiction in all matters of dispute.
 10. I/We hereby authorize HCoI to send SMS on our Mobile Nos., even if I/We are registered under DND registry.
 11. Particulars given by us in HAF, Solemn Declaration and Undertaking are true and correct to the best of our knowledge. I/We do hereby affirm and declare that in case I/We have suppressed material information or given false / incorrect Declaration / Undertaking, HCoI shall forfeit the amount deposited by us and we shall be liable for prosecution.
 12. I/We are aware that HCoI reserves the right to change the Embarkation Point opted by me. In such case, I/We shall be abide by the decision of HCoI and shall not show any resentment, whatsoever, against the decision of HCoI.
 13. I am ready to pay extra charges, as levied by the KSA Haj Authorities for endorsement of Haj visa.
 14. Haj journey of pilgrims carrying Khash-khash, Viagara-tablets, Sexual oil and cream, Synthetic Capore, Cystone, Khammera, Gutkha, Khaini, Gul, Pipermint or narcotics in any form shall be cancelled besides he/she will be penalized for carrying band items as per of prevailing regulations of Saudi Arabia. If found, they will be liable for deportation to India from KSA at any stage of Haj.

Date :

Place :

Date :

Place :

Signature / Thumb impression of the applicant (Age 70+ pilgrim)

Signature / Thumb impression of the co-applicant (Companion)

SOLEMN DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING
for REPEATERS (in case of Companion of age 70+ pilgrim/s)

I, Mr./Mrs./Miss _____ S/W/D/o. _____
Indian citizen, do hereby solemnly declare on oath in the name of ALLAH that :

1. I am aware that as per Government of India's policy, a person can perform Haj only "Once in a life-time" through Haj Committee of India and that this condition is waived only for Mehram (Male Member) and Companion of age 70+ Pilgrim/s, if no other Mehram / Companion (who has not performed Haj through HCoI) is available and if he/she pays actual airfare as decided by Ministry of Civil Aviation.
2. I hereby declare that I have performed Haj through Haj Committee of India in the past in the year(s) _____.
3. I declare that no other Companion (who has not performed Haj through Haj Committee of India earlier) is available to accompany the following 70+ Pilgrim/s:-
(1) _____
(2) _____
4. I am aware that if the concerned 70+ Pilgrim/s cancel their Pilgrimage, then my seat as Repeater Pilgrim (accompanying the 70+ Pilgrim/s) shall also be cancelled automatically.
5. I am ready to pay ACTUAL AIRFARE, as decided by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
6. I have read / understood the Guidelines for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.), specifically with regard to Tentative Eligibility (para – 4.1), Cost, Payments and Confirmation (para – 9), Cancellation (para – 10), Refunds (para – 11), Baggage (para – 15), Flight (para – 18), Accommodation in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (para – 20) and undertake to abide by the same.
7. I authorize Haj Committee of India to procure Saudi Riyals on my behalf for disbursement / remittance to CGI.
8. I hereby authorize HCoI to send SMS on my Mobile Number even if I am registered under DND registry.
9. I/We understand that Haj Committee of India works without profit motive and does not attract the provisions of Consumer Protection Act, 2019. Further, we understand that the Courts of Greater Mumbai only shall exercise jurisdiction in all matters of dispute.
10. Particulars given by me in HAF, Solemn Declaration and Undertaking are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I do hereby affirm and declare that in case I have suppressed material information or given false / incorrect Declaration / Undertaking, HCoI shall forfeit the amount deposited by me and I shall be liable for prosecution.
11. I am aware that HCoI reserves the right to change the Embarkation Point opted by me. In such case, I shall abide by the decision of HCoI and shall not show any resentment, whatsoever, against the decision of HCoI.
12. Haj journey of pilgrims carrying Khash-khash, Viagra-tablets, Sexual oil and cream, Synthetic Capore, Cystone, Khammera, Gutkha, Khaini, Gul, Peppermint or narcotics in any form shall be cancelled besides he/she will be penalized for carrying band items as per of prevailing regulations of Saudi Arabia. If found, they will be liable for deportation to India from KSA at any stage of Haj.

Date :

Place :

Signature / Thumb impression of the applicant.