

# HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA

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**Sub.: Fresh Guidelines for Haj Pilgrimage - 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.)**

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has now announced that this year's Hajj will be conducted according to the following regulations :-

1. This year's Haj is open to those who are under 65 years old and have received the main Covid-19 vaccinations approved by the Saudi Ministry of Health.
2. Pilgrims coming from outside the Kingdom are required to submit a negative Covid-19 PCR test result from a test performed within 72 hours of the time of departure to the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has also instructed that all pilgrims must follow the health instructions and comply with all precautionary measures to preserve their health and safety while performing Haj rituals.

In view of the position explained above,

- (A) all Haj applicants above the age of 65 years (as on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022) shall stand INELIGIBLE for Haj 2022. This would result into cancellation of Haj Seat of those lady pilgrim(s), whose Mehram will be above the age of 65 years on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. This would also affect the "Companion" of 70+ years of age.
- (B) Fresh Haj Applications can be made online by the intending pilgrims w.e.f. **9<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 till 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022** on the following conditions :-
  - (i) Possess machine readable valid Indian International Passport issued on or before **22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022** and valid upto **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022.**
  - (ii) The applicant is not exceeding the prescribed age limit of 65 years (as on 30.04.2022 or earlier) and have received the main Covid-19 vaccinations approved by the Saudi Ministry of Health, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
  - (iii) As new Mehram Companion of those lady pilgrims who have already applied for Haj but Haj Seat(s) of their present Mehram stand "INELIGIBLE" due to overage, as prescribed by the K.S.A.
  - (iv) Who are ready to comply with all precautionary measures to preserve their health and safety while performing Haj rituals.

The Haj applicants are also allowed to withdraw their applications for Haj 2022 in case they are not willing to go due to the new Guidelines.

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It is likely that the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will further stipulate more health and administrative guidelines, particularly, in view of their ongoing experience with managing Umrah pilgrims during the pious month of Ramazan. The same shall be notified in due course of time.

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To:-

The Executive Officer, All State / U.T. Haj Committees with the request that the content of the Circular be given wide publicity through print/electronic media for information and necessary action for intending Haj Pilgrims of respective State / U.Ts.

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