

# Hajj Requirements

1. The applicant must have a passport with a validity of at least six (6) months and acceptable both for entry to Saudi Arabia and entry to the next destination; the passport should have at least two empty visa pages adjacent to each other.
2. Each applicant must submit one (2) recent passport size colour photograph with a white background. The photograph must be a full-face view in which the visa applicant is facing the camera directly. Side or angled views are NOT accepted.
3. A completed [application form](#) filled-out with black ink or printed; the form must be signed and stamped by the authorized travel agency.
4. The Muhram should write his complete information on the application forms of his spouse and children or any relative with whom he is travelling. He should also provide copies of marriage or birth certificates; if these documents were issued outside the US, he should then provide copies translated and notarized by a certified translation office.
5. All women are required to travel for Hajj with a Muhram. Proof of kinship must be submitted with the application form. Women over the age of forty-five (45) may travel without a Muhram with an organized group, They must, however submits a no objection letter from her husband, son or brother authorizing her to travel for Hajj with the named group. This letter should be notarized.
6. The applicant must be in possession of a non-refundable roundtrip ticket with confirmed reservations.
7. The applicant must submit proof of vaccination for meningitis and ACYW135. For infants and children up to fifteen (15) years of age, a vaccination report is required for polio as well as meningitis and polio. Children over fifteen (15) years of age should present the same vaccinations requested for adults.
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  - b. The seasonal (or common) flu, which should be taken two weeks before applying for the visa.
  - c. The H1N1 flu, if a vaccine is made available before Hajj season, and should be taken two weeks before applying for the visa.
  - d. Infants and children up to fifteen (15) years of age should provide a vaccination report for meningococcal and polio.
  - e. Children above fifteen (15) years of age should present the same vaccinations requested for adults.
  - f. Health experts advise the following groups to postpone their plans for Hajj and Umrah this year for their own safety: The elderly, the terminally ill, pregnant women, and children.
8. Non-AUS. citizens should submit a copy of their **Permanent resident** or other proof of legal residence status in the AUS. Passport authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reserve the right to return (at his or her own expense) any pilgrim who has provided wrong or false information about their residence in the AUS at his or her expense.
9. No minor (under 18 years of age) will be granted a Hajj visa if not accompanied by his family. Minors travelling one parent must submit a notarized letter of authorization, in either in Arabic or English, signed by both parents or legal guardians.
10. If the applicant has converted to Islam, an Islamic certificate must be presented; this needs to be notarized by an Islamic Centre.

## General Guidelines:

- Travellers must carry vaccination certificates with them for inspection by the Saudi Authority at port of entry.
- No food products are allowed into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- The last day to enter King Abdul-Aziz Airport in Jeddah for the purpose of Hajj is 4 Dhu Al-Hajji of each year.
- Upon arrival, pilgrims shall hand their passports to the "Unified Agents Office" representatives to enable the latter to complete all travel formalities to Makkah and Madinah.
- In the event that pilgrims lose their passport, they should immediately report the loss to the same office appointed to take care of them during Hajj. Applicants must obtain a report from the office of the Unified Agents in which the loss of passport is mentioned.
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- All pilgrims must leave the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia after Hajj no later than the 10th of Muharram of each year. The rules and regulations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia forbid any pilgrims from staying in the country after the completion of Hajj.