

## **SALIENT FEATURES OF HAJJ POLICY 2023 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Hajj quota allocated to Pakistan for 2023 is 179,210. This shall be distributed between Government & Private Hajj Schemes at a ratio of 50:50 i.e. 89605 and 89605 respectively
2. Out of the Government and Private Hajj Schemes a quota of 44802 seats @ 50% each shall be reserved for Sponsorship Scheme
3. The remaining quota of Government Hajj Scheme shall be utilized for the traditional Regular Scheme
4. The Sponsorship Scheme is a facility of selection for Hajj without balloting for those intending pilgrims who can deposit their Hajj dues in foreign exchange remitted from abroad
5. The Sponsorship Scheme quota shall be utilized on first come first serve basis. (registration for the Sponsorship Scheme shall be stopped the movement the reserved quota is filled)
6. The foreign exchange secured through the Sponsorship Scheme shall be utilized for payment of the Hajj related dues to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
7. For the year 2023, cost of Hajj Package (without Qurbani) for North region is PKR 1,175,000 and for South region PKR 1,165,000
8. There is no age limit for Hujjaj this year
9. The intending pilgrims who have performed Hajj within last 05 Hajj years i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022 are ineligible for Hajj 2023 while intending pilgrims of Sponsorship Scheme are exempted from this bar
10. Applications of Hajj-e-Badal would be entertained provided such applicants for whom Hajj-e-Badal is performed have not performed Hajj under Government scheme for the last 05 years i.e. from 2016 and onwards
11. The selection for Regular Scheme of Government Hajj quota will be made through computerized balloting
12. A Place of Departure (POD) wise waiting list of Hujjaj comprising of only 0.5% of Government Hajj quota will be maintained
13. All the applicants are required to have CNIC and Machine Readable Passport with validity period till 26-12-2023
14. It is mandatory for the applicant to have Bank account
15. Special persons are required to be accompanied by helpers / attendants
16. 3% seats of the total seats under Government scheme shall be reserved for hardship cases

17. 300 seats shall be reserved for labour / low paid employees of companies registered with EOBI and Workers Welfare Fund. Their selection will be made through separate balloting
18. There shall be no provision in the policy for free Hajj
19. Immunization of approved corona vaccines by KSA is mandatory
20. Wearing of mask is compulsory during Hajj at closed and open places
21. It is mandatory for women to be accompanied by Mehram
22. In case of Mehram, repeaters (Male) who have performed Hajj within five Hajj years (2016 to 2022) will be eligible provided they apply with their family female(s) who have not performed Hajj within 05 years
23. All the Hujjaj will be provided five (05) litres of ZamZam
24. A comprehensive awareness campaign for training of Hujjaj is launched through print and electronic media
25. Hajj Medical Mission, Muavineen-i-Hujjaj, Seasonal staff of MORA & IH and KSA-based Muavineen-i-Hujjaj shall be deployed for facilitation / assistance of Hujjaj as per requirements and laid down procedure
26. "Road to Makkah" project facility will continue at Islamabad airport, it may be extended to Lahore and Karachi
27. This Ministry shall respond to queries raised by Hujjaj both in Pakistan as well as in KSA on daily basis
28. Place of Departure (POD) wise air load from major airports shall be distributed between local and Saudi airlines at 50:50 ratio. The air load from all PODs which is not utilized by the national carriers shall be distributed amongst other airlines which provide services from those airports
29. The HGOs will be monitored by the trained staff of the Ministry to ensure facilitation of Hujjaj by the HGOs as per the agreements
30. Hujjaj Mohafiz Scheme based on the concept of "Takaful" will continue
31. Service Provider Agreement will be signed with the HGOs for assurance of facilitation of Hujjaj

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