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Your Journey Begins Before You Depart.

1 GENERAL & FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

FINANCIAL READINESS

It is imperative to ensure that all earnings utilised are *Halaal*, adhering to ethical and lawful sources of income.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS

A person should refrain from embarking on a journey of Hajj or ‘Umrah if they have outstanding debts.

CORRECT INTENTION

Hajj & ‘Umrah should only be performed for the sake of Almighty Allaah alone.

2 HAJJ & ‘UMRAH PROTOCOLS FOR FEMALES

1. **IDDAH**
   Undertaking a journey of Hajj or ‘Umrah is not permissible while in the state of *Iddah*. (waiting period)
2. **MAHRAM REQUIREMENT**
   A mahram is a mandatory requirement for women undertaking a journey beyond 77km, including Hajj or ‘Umrah.
3. **FARDH HAJJ EXCEPTION**
   Imaam Shafi'ee and Imaam Maalik permit a woman to perform only her ***Fardh Hajj*** without a mahram, provided she travels with a group of women.
4. **SCHOLARLY CONSENSUS**
   *It is unanimously agreed upon by all A’immah (plural of Imaam) that a lady **cannot** perform ‘Umrah without a mahram, regardless of her age.*

Who Qualifies as a Mahram?

A mahram relationship is established through blood, marriage and breastfeeding (Rada'ah).



Blood

- **Father & Grandfathers** (Paternal & Maternal)
- **Sons & Grandsons**
- **Brothers** (Full, Paternal, or Maternal)
- **Nephews** (Sons of Brothers & Sisters)
- **Uncles** (Paternal & Maternal Brothers of Parents)

Marriage

- **Husband**
- **Father-in-law & Grandfathers-in-law**
- **Sons-in-law** (Husband of Daughters)
- **Stepsons** (Sons of a Husband from another Marriage, if the Marriage to the Mother is consummated)
- **Stepfather** (Mother's Husband, if the Marriage is consummated)

Breastfeeding

- **Foster brother** (Nursing Mother's Son or her Husband's Son)
- **Foster father** (Husband of the woman who breastfed her)

Conditions of a Mahram for Travel

☑ Sane ☑ An adult ☑ Trustworthy ☑ Free from fear of temptation

If these conditions are not met, even though he remains her mahram in the legal sense, **it will not be permissible for her to travel with him.**

3 DEFINITION & PURPOSE OF A MAHRAM

❖ A mahram is a person with whom marriage is permanently forbidden due to a close blood relationship.

❖ The concept of mahram is important in various aspects of Islamic law, particularly in relation to travel and interactions between men and women, ensuring the protection & maintenance of modesty, integrity, respect, and privacy within family units.