

**Haj Committee of India**  
(Constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002)

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**CIRCULAR -HAJ 2013**

It has been decided that only International Passport holders (with validity at least up to 31.03.2014) should apply for Haj-2013. Hence, the intending applicants should get their Passports ready before the Haj Announcement-2013 (likely in February, 2013).

2. The existing passport holders (including children and infants) should be advised to check the validity of their Passports and get it renewed at least up to **31.03.2014**. The intending applicants for Haj-2013 should also ensure that their Passport contains at-least two empty visa pages adjacent to each other.

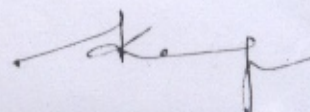
3. Attaching a copy of CANCELLED cheque having the IFS Code is made compulsory from Haj 2013 onwards. This is to ensure speedy disposal of refunds, if any. If the applicant has a Bank Account in a non-IFS code bank, they should open an Account with a Bank having IFS code .

4. If the intending applicants do not have any bank Account, they should open an Account with a Bank having IFS code.

5. The general tendency among Haj aspirants is to apply for passports after the Haj announcement is made. It is necessary to overcome this tendency by educating through all mass media of communication. The message of **"DIG YOUR WELL, BEFORE YOU ARE THIRSTY"** should be spread among the aspiring Haj applicants by putting in best efforts.

6. The SHC/UTHCs should open special counters to help such pilgrims and also co-ordinate with Regional Passport officers in this regard.

In view of the above you are requested to spread the message of **Passport (with validity at least up to 31.03.2014) and copy of cheque compulsory for Haj application-2013.**



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