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Applicants who possess International Passports – Eligible to apply for Hajj 2013.

Haj Committee of India has decided that International Passport holders (with a validity atleast upto 31-03-2014) alone will be eligible to apply for Hajj 2013. Hence, the intending applicants who do not have passports are requested to apply for and obtain passports well before the Announcement for Hajj 2013 which is likely in February 2013.

- 2. The applicants who are holding Passports (including children and infants) should check the validity of their passports and get them renewed if the passports are not valid till 31-03-2014. They should also ensure that their Passports contain a minimum of <u>two</u> empty visa pages adjacent to each other.
- 3. Further, Indian Financial System (IFS) code has to be furnished by all applicants as it has been made compulsory from Hajj 2013 onwards, and hence the intending applicants are requested to open an account with a bank having IFS code and submit a cheque leaf (with endorsement as cancelled) in proof of opening of bank account as above.

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