

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

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NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. 1(09)/2025-HP— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the *Hajj and Umrah (Regulation) Act, 2024 (XVII of 2024)*, the Federal Government is pleased to make the following rules, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement.— These rules shall be called the *Hajj Policy Committee (Composition, Functions and Procedure) Rules, 2025*.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. Definition.—In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context,—

(a) “Act” means the *Hajj and Umrah (Regulation) Act, 2024 (XVII of 2024)*;

(b) “committee” mean a *Hajj policy committee* constituted under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Act;

(c) “service provider agreement” or “SPA” means an agreement signed with the HGOs or UGOs for provision of services to the pilgrims;

(d) “welfare staff” refers to *Mouvaineen* or *Hajj Nazims*, *Hajj medical mission* and seasonal duty staff; and

(e) “pilgrim” is a person who makes payment for *Hajj* or sign an agreement with service provider within allocated quota having valid receipt or electronic entry.

3. Composition of the committee.— (1) The committee shall consist of the following, namely:—

S. No.	Membership	Status
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Secretary of the division concerned	<i>Chairperson</i>
2.	Joint Secretary (<i>Hajj</i>) of the division concerned	<i>Member/secretary</i>
3.	Representative not below the rank of BPS 20 officer or equivalent of the division to which business of finances of the Federation stands allocated	<i>Member</i>
4.	Representative not below the rank of BPS 20 officer or equivalent of the division to which business of law and justice stands allocated	<i>Member</i>
5.	Representative not below the rank of BPS 20 officer or equivalent of the division to which business of aviation stands allocated	<i>Member</i>
6.	Representative not below the rank of BPS 20 officer or equivalent of the division to which business of foreign affairs stands allocated	<i>Member</i>
7.	Representative of the Competition Commission of Pakistan not below the rank of BPS 20 officer or equivalent	<i>Member</i>
8.	Representative of Attorney-General for Pakistan	<i>Member</i>
9.	Religious scholar nominated by Council of Islamic Ideology (CII)	<i>Member</i>
10.	Director General (<i>Hajj</i>), Jeddah	<i>Member</i>

(2) The committee may, when an expert opinion in any field is required, co-opt any person of the relevant field to attend a meeting thereof as non-voting member to render advice.

(3) Terms and conditions for nomination of the members of the committee shall be as under:—

(a) the division concerned and the division or, as the case may be, department from where membership is required shall nominate most relevant officers as member of the committee;

(b) the concerned nominated members shall attend meetings in person and in case of their absence for any reason, their nominees may with approval of the Chairperson attend the meeting;

- (c) no person shall be appointed as member of the Committee unless he—
- (i) is a citizen of Pakistan;
 - (ii) or his family or professional or business partner or associate does not have direct or indirect interest relating to the business of HGOs or UGOs for provision of services to the pilgrims;
 - (iii) is not a beneficiary of the National Reconciliation Ordinance, 2007 (LX of 2007) or any plea bargain or voluntary return under the National Accountability Bureau Ordinance, 1999 (XVIII of 1999);
 - (iv) has not been declared by a competent court of law as undischarged insolvent or has not been declared insane or of unsound mind or his application in this regard is not pending adjudication;
 - (v) has by a competent court of law not been convicted for an offence of moral turpitude;
 - (vi) has by a competent court of law not been declared insane or of unsound mind;
 - (vii) has not been dismissed, removed or compulsory retired from service of Pakistan or any other service;
 - (viii) has not been guilty of and for that purpose a penalty has not been imposed upon him for indiscipline, misconduct or corruption while in service of Pakistan; and
 - (ix) shall have experience in his relevant field; and
- (d) any member of the committee may by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairperson of the committee resign his membership, whereafter the division concerned may process a summary for nomination of his substitute.

4. Functions of the committee.— (1) The committee shall be responsible for but not limited to the following, namely:—

- (i) formulation, review and recommendation of the *Hajj* policy and plan;
- (ii) prescription of criteria for prequalification of HGOs;
- (iii) specification of *Hajj* quota for Government and private schemes;
- (iv) prescription of formula for allocation of *Hajj* quota to HGOs;
- (v) preparation of *Hajj* packages for private and Government *Hajj* schemes and determination of *Hajj* expenses;
- (vi) formulation of SPA for monitoring of performance of the HGOs;
- (vii) draw a mechanism for monitoring of the Government and private *Hajj* schemes; and
- (viii) criteria for selection of welfare staff.

(2) The committee shall assess and propose measures for the enhancement of the *Hajj* services including facilities of accommodations, transportation, medical and overall welfare of the *Hujjaj*.

5. Powers of the committee.— (1) The committee shall have the authority to seek information, data or reports from relevant stakeholders and departments to aid in policy formulation.

(2) The committee may establish sub-committees or working groups for specific tasks related to policy formulation or implementation.

6. Meetings.— (1) The committee shall meet at least twice a year or as frequently as deemed necessary by the Chairperson.

(2) Where a member is present at a meeting of the committee and he or his family member or his professional or business partner or associate has direct or indirect interest in the subject of consideration in that meeting that member shall—

(a) forthwith disclose such an interest; and

(b) not take part in any consideration on that matter unless the committee otherwise directs.

7. Quorum.— The quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be at least five members including the Chairperson.

8. Decision-making.— Decisions of the committee shall be made by a simple majority of members present at the time of voting. In case of tie, the Chairperson's casting vote shall prevail.

9. Recommendations.— The committee shall prepare and submit recommendations on *Hajj* policy and plan through the division concerned to the Federal Cabinet for approval.


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