



Australian Government

**Department of Immigration
and Border Protection**

Border clearance advice for Hajj pilgrims

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection recognises the importance of religious events such as the Hajj and the right to travel for such events.

We encourage anyone travelling to Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj to familiarise themselves with Australian border processes prior to travel.

Arriving at the airport

All travellers should arrive no later than 2 hours prior to departure to allow enough time for check-in, border processing and any unexpected delays. After checking-in for your flight you should progress directly to border processing.

Border clearance

We are committed to maintaining the security of our nation and screen all arriving and departing travellers.

When you are departing, have the following ready for clearance at the border:

- passport
- completed Outgoing Passenger Card
- boarding pass.

Before you arrive into or depart from Australia, Australian Border Force (ABF) officers may examine you and/or the items you are carrying. Officers may examine all baggage, goods and documents that you are travelling with at the time you arrive or depart Australia. This includes electronic devices and their contents, such as mobile phones, tablets and laptops, and other storage devices.

ABF officers assess travellers based on border risk and will never stop individuals based simply on race, religion, ethnicity or travel destination. In all cases, ABF officers treat travellers with dignity and respect.

Declaring cash or foreign currency

There is no limit to the amount of cash or foreign currency you can bring into or out of Australia. However, if the total value is AUD\$10,000 (or the foreign currency equivalent) or more, you must declare it at the Australian border.

This includes Australian dollars, foreign currency, or any combination of this, being carried on your person, in your baggage or if someone else is carrying it for you.

To declare you must:

- answer 'Yes' to the relevant questions on your Outgoing Passenger Card; and
- complete a Cross-Border Movement - Physical Currency (CBM-PC) reporting form, which is available from ABF officers at international airports.

Sharing money between people travelling with you to avoid reporting requirements is called 'structuring' and is against the law.

Know what is on your electronic devices

It is an offence to bring into or take out of Australia, material that is offensive, or advocating violence in any form. This includes images or videos held on electronic devices that portray cruel and revolting acts, child pornography, and material that advocates or praises acts of terrorism.

By keeping images like this on your electronic devices such as a hard drive, computer or mobile phone, even if someone has sent them to you, you may be committing an offence.

More information

More information on travelling in and out of Australia can be found at www.border.gov.au

Check the latest travel advice from the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Smart Traveller website www.smarttraveller.gov.au