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Press Release

It is announced that the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony, Government of Pakistan has introduced a Sponsorship Scheme in Hajj Policy 2023 for overseas Pakistanis. The Sponsorship Scheme is a facility of selection for Hajj without balloting for those applicants who can deposit the Hajj dues in US\$ remitted from abroad. Another facility given to the applicants of the Sponsorship Scheme is that they can apply for Hajj even if they have performed Hajj in the last five years, unlike the applicants of Regular Scheme. Out of the total Government Hajj Quota 43,308 seats are reserved for the Sponsorship Scheme which will be filled on **first come first served basis**.

The Hajj dues are required to be remitted to the foreign currency accounts of the Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony through the SWIFT banking system. Besides that, one can sponsor himself/herself or any else. Hajj dues for the sponsorship scheme are as below:

DUES OF HAJJ 2023 UNDER SPONSORSHIP SCHEME		
Region	Adults	Infants (Born on or after 02 August 2021)
South Region (Karachi, Quetta & Sukkar)	US\$ 4,285/-	US\$ 227/-
North Region (Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Multan, Sialkot, Faisalabad & Rahim Yar Khan)	US\$ 4,325/-	US\$ 231/-

For further details, please visit Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony's website www.mora.gov.pk

Last date for submission of applications for the Sponsorship Scheme is **31st March 2023**.

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