

CLAIMS OF THE LEGAL HEIRS  
**OF INDIAN NATIONALS WHO DIED IN SAUDI ARABIA**

INFORMATION ON DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
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**I. POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA)**

The Power of Attorney should be executed and signed by all the legal heirs, (including minor children). Those who cannot sign should put their thumb Impression.

- i) The Power of Attorney may be executed in favour of any person known to you in Saudi Arabia who can pursue the case in the Shariah court.
- ii) Alternatively, if you wish, this Embassy can pursue the case on your behalf. In this case, Power of Attorney may be executed in favour of Ambassador of India, Riyadh as per specimen enclosed.

**II. LEGAL HEIRSHIP CERTIFICATE (LHC)**

The Legal Heirship Certificate should be obtained from the competent district authorities and should indicate the full names of all the legal heirs including minors (relationship with the deceased to be mentioned). There should be at least three words in a name preferably in the same way as that of deceased for example in the name of wife, the name or part of name of the spouse should be included Single names are not acceptable in Saudi system.

Specimens of POA & LHC. are given below. The English as well as their Arabic versions (forms in Arabic are available in the Mission), after completion, must be attested by the following authorities :

1. *Authorised officers of the concerned State Governments / General Administration department.*
2. *Ministry of External Affairs, Consular Section, Patiala House, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001.*
3. *Saudi Embassy in New Delhi or Saudi Consulate General in Mumbai.*

**Note I.** SPECIMEN DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AS PER REQUIREMENT OF SAUDI COURTS. THEREFORE NO CHANGES IN THE LANGUAGE / FORMAT SHOULD BE MADE.

**Note II.** PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE ATTESTATION FROM SAUDI EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI OR SAUDI CONSULATE IN MUMBAI IS OBTAINED AT THE BACK OF ARABIC VERSION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND LEGAL HEIRSHIP CERTIFICATE.

**THESE DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY SHARIAH COURTS WITHOUT THIS ATTESTATIONS.**