

## 109282 - Is Tawaf Al-Wada` Necessary in `Umrah?

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### the question

I used to tell those who were doing `Umrah that they had to do the Farewell Tawaf when leaving Makkah, but I have heard that there is no Farewell Tawaf for `Umrah. I hope that you can explain more about this topic.

### Summary of answer

The one who is doing `Umrah does not have to do Tawaf Al-Wada` (Farewell Tawaf). The Farewell Tawaf is required of the one who has come to perform Hajj before he leaves Makkah.

### Detailed answer

The Standing Committee for Academic Research and Issuing Fatwas said:

“The [Farewell Tawaf is required of the one who has come to perform Hajj](#) before he leaves Makkah, because Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The people were commanded that the last thing they do should do is to circumambulate the House, but an exception was made for menstruating women.” (Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

And he said: The people used to leave from wherever they were, but the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “No one of you should depart until the last thing he has done is to circumambulate the House.” (Narrated by Ahmad and Muslim)

Based on the context, this is a command to the pilgrims, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said it at the end of Hajj, directing the pilgrims.

As [for the one who is doing `Umrah, he does not have to do the Farewell Tawaf](#), but it is Sunnah for him [to circumambulate the Ka`bah](#) when just before he leaves because there is no evidence that it is obligatory, and because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not do the [Farewell Tawaf](#) when he left Makkah after doing the fulfilled `Umrah (`Umrat Al-Qada`) as far as we know from his Sunnah.

And Allah is the Source of strength. May Allah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions.” (Shaykh `Abd Al-`Aziz ibn `Abdullah ibn Baz, Shaykh `Abd Ar-Razzaq `Afifi, Shaykh `Abdullah ibn Qa`ud.”

And Allah knows best.