

Islam Question & Answer

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144 - Woman travelling from a non-Muslim country without a mahram in order to learn Islam

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Is it permissible for a Muslim woman, who does not have a mahram because she is an unmarried convert, to relocate to another country for the purposes of furthering her Islaamic knowledge, to live among Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaat, and seek a husband?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If the Muslim woman is living in a place where there are no Muslims of Ahl al-Sunnah wa'l-Jamaa'ah with whom she could live and she is therefore unable to learn her religion, it is permissible for her to move to another place where she can live among Ahl al-Sunnah and learn her religion. Indeed, she should try to move, travelling with a mahram if possible. If she has no mahram, then she should travel in the company of others who can be trusted, in an airplane, for example, so that she can reach her destination safely. We ask Allaah to help us obey Him.

Translator's note: "mahram" refers to a blood-relative to whom marriage is permanently forbidden, such as a woman's father, brother, son, uncle, etc.