

Conditions of the valid Adhaan

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What are the conditions that must be observed for a valid Adhaan? May Allaah reward you.

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

The legislated Adhaan is that which is pronounced in accordance with the conditions of validity among which: Al-Adhaan must be in its fixed time to announce the prayer time by complying with Tawqeefee¹ wording of Al-Adhaan which the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ taught Aboo Mahdhoora رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. The wording must be ordered in a Tawqeefee way where it is not permissible to advance, delay or invert (the expressions of Al-Adhaan). In addition, we have also to take into consideration that the words of Al-Adhaan must correspond with the authentic version that is reported in the religious texts; also, Al-Mu`adhdhin² must pronounce Al-Adhaan in accordance with its ordered religious wording. And it goes without saying that Al-Mu`adhdhin must be Muslim. Whenever these conditions are fulfilled, Al-Adhaan is valid and religiously accepted.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ It means that a religious text has to be left as it was revealed or reported (unchangeable). Translator's note.

² The person who calls to the prayer. Translator's note.