



THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

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1. Archaeological excavation work in Jordan starts by submitting an application to the Director General of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan, in which the locations and borders of the site, the areas earmarked for excavation and the duration of every season are defined.
2. The applicant indicates the sponsors of the excavations as well as the official and academic or scientific body he or she belongs to.
3. The applicant shows the actual amount of monetary allocations to be spent at the excavation site.
4. The applicant will be informed in writing of the approval of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan to carry out the excavations.
5. The applicant fills the Military Security Forms with two personal photographs of every member of the team, indicating the passport numbers and the places they had worked at in Jordan and abroad, together with their academic qualifications.

6. After the Department of Antiquities of Jordan secures the approval of the official bodies, the permit is issued allowing commencement of excavation after one or more representatives of the Department are appointed.
7. Foreign excavations are bound to pay 10% of the actual monetary allocations which is deposited in a special account at the Ministry of Finance, under the designation of maintenance, restoration and publication deposits. Exemption from payment of 10% of the monetary allocations will cover all the institutions and individuals who carry out archaeological survey or restoration of archaeological sites. Foreign institutes and institutions working in collaboration with local universities or archaeological institutes in the Kingdom will also be exempted from the aforesaid sum.
8. Directors of foreign or local missions authorised to work on excavations have to submit a loan application attached to a list including all the objects they would like to study outside Jordan in accordance with a one year agreement, which may be extended subject to the approval of the Director General for a maximum period of one additional year.
9. Directors of foreign or local missions allowed to work on excavations shall submit the following:
  - a. A preliminary report on the results of excavations for every season, to which all plans, drawings, photographs, colour slides and photographic negatives of the excavation should be attached, in addition to a special register of all the discovered objects.
  - b. A final report on the results of the excavations for all seasons through which excavation was carried out. This report may be published in the Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan (*ADAJ*) provided that it is written in either Arabic or English.
- c. In case the excavation director publishes a book on the results of the excavations, he or she has to provide the Department of Antiquities with two copies thereof to be kept at the Registration and Library sections.
- d. Directors and members of foreign or local missions are not allowed to make statements or give any information about the excavations to public information media unless they get the approval of the Director General of the Department of Antiquities and after the necessary scientific reports have been submitted to him.
10. The Department representatives or delegates receive their *per diem* allowance from the monetary allocations earmarked at the missions authorised to carry out excavations. These allowances will be deposited with the Director of Finance as deposits in trust, and will be handed over to the representatives or delegates after their final reports have been submitted to the Director General and subsequent to the latter's approval of expenditure at an average rate of JD 8-12 per day, in addition to providing lodging, living and transport expenses.
11. The Department representative is responsible for any scientific or material problems arising at the excavation site and is to inform the Department about the work conditions and official follow ups. He or she is also bound to follow up the excavated antiquities and secure them in special places pre-

pared at the excavation site for their preservation, care and safety in coordination with the excavation director and according to a special register. The Department representative is to hand over all the movable finds to the Director General of Antiquities or whoever the latter may deputise in order that they be entered into official registers of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan or to be referred for study, after which they will be sent to the museums specified therefor in the Kingdom.

12. Delegates will follow up with the Department the antiquities specimens which are loaned to institutions for study, in order to make sure that they are sent out and returned safely to Jordan.
13. These regulations shall be applied with effective date.

**Certified and Legalized**  
**Minister of Tourism and Antiquities**  
**Mr. Abdul Karim Kabariti**

**Director General of Antiquities**  
**Dr. Safwan Tell**

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