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### **Paying Off a Debt Before Making Hijrah?**

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**Q:** O Noble Shaikh a questioner asks,

“O Shaikh, I have on me an interest barring debt that I acquired before Islaam for the time I spent in University (i.e. a student loan). I will now like to make Hijrah, but someone told that I must pay off this loan before I go. Is this statement true? If so, is it mandatory upon me to also pay the interest? Please advise me O Shaikh in this affair.”

**A:** The Shaikh before answering asked, “Hijrah, meaning he will never return to his country?”

“Yes O Shaikh.”

The Shaikh went on to answer by saying,

“In this case he must pay off the debt before making Hijrah. However, it is only upon him to pay what he owes and it is not permitted for him to pay the interest, he is only to pay what he owes, and Allah knows best.”