



## 2895 - Is Bleaching Prohibited in Islam?

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### the question

What is the ruling on bleaching one's skin, is it prohibited or alright?

### Summary of answer

There is nothing wrong with bleaching if it is done to remove a fault or blemish. But if bleaching is done for beauty and perfection, it is not permitted because it involves changing the creation of Allah.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Bleaching the skin is done for one of two reasons:

1. It is done in the pursuit of beauty and perfection. This is not permitted because it involves [changing the creation of Allah](#) , and because it is regarded as being in the same class as [tattooing](#) , practitioners of which were cursed by the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).
2. It is done to remove a fault or blemish, such as a black spot or something similar on the hand or elsewhere, which a person bleaches in an attempt to remove the blemish. There is nothing wrong with this, because it is counted as [removing faults](#) .

For more details, please see the following category: [Adornments](#)

And Allah knows best.