

The husband ' s father is a mahram for his son ' s wife

Is it permissible for my wife to shake hands with my father?.

Praise
be to Allaah.

Yes, that is permissible,
because when a man makes a marriage contract with a woman, his father
becomes a mahram for her, as does his son from another wife. And her
mother
becomes a mahram for him, as does her daughter from another husband.
This is
called a mahram by marriage.

The evidence
that the husband ' s father is a mahram for the son ' s wife is the verse in
which Allaah mentions the women who are mahrams (interpretation of the
meaning):

“ the
wives of your sons who (spring) from your own loins ”
[al-Nisa ' 4:23]

So the wife of the son is
a mahram for her husband ' s father.

The evidence
that the husband ' s son is a mahram for his father ' s wife is the verse in
which Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“ And
marry not women whom your fathers married, except what has already
passed ”
[al-Nisa ' 4:22]

The evidence that the
wife ' s mother is a mahram for her daughter ' s husband is the verse in which

Allaah mentions the women who are mahrams (interpretation of the meaning):

“ ...your wives ' mothers ”

[al-Nisa ' 4:23]

These three

(the husband ' s father, his son and the wife ' s mother) become mahrams as soon

as the marriage contract is done, and that is not subject to the condition that the marriage be consummated.

With regard

to the wife ' s daughter, she does not become a mahram for her mother ' s husband unless he has consummated the marriage with her mother, because

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“ and

your stepdaughters under your guardianship, born of your wives to whom you

have gone in ~~but~~ there is no sin on you if you have not gone in them (to marry their daughters), ”

[al-Nisa ' 4:23]

The stepdaughter

(rabeebah) is the daughter of one's wife.

See al-Mughni,

9/514, 524.

In conclusion: the

husband ' s father is a mahram for his son ' s wife, so he may shake hands with

her and be alone with her and travel with her. See questions no [5538](#), [20750](#)

And Allaah knows best.