

Let's discover the essentials of

ZAKAT





WHAT IS ZAKAT?

In Islam, Zakat is a cornerstone principle that instructs the community to lend a supportive hand and aid the less fortunate by sharing some of their wealth.



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This selfless act not only purifies the soul but also uplifts the community around us.

In fact, Zakat translates to "purification" and reminds us to share our savings with those who need it most.



How do you purify your soul by paying Zakat?

Giving away material wealth helps us to overcome greed

It fosters empathy and compassion and not to be self-righteous

By helping others you enrich your soul

It instills a responsibility towards the community and others

It encourages us to be humble with the wealth we have rather than arrogant

It leads to gratitude and recognises that our wealth is a trust from God

It helps us to recognise that the source of wealth is from God as a provision

Acting in acts of charity leads to spiritual growth and a closer connection to God



Understanding Zakat

Get ready to do some good with Zakat - an essential form of charity that every eligible Muslim must pay.

It's one of the five sacred pillars of Islam, alongside Shahadah, praying, fasting, and Hajj.

If you're eligible to pay, it's time to jump into action and contribute Zakat every year.





Conditions for Giving Zakat

Let's get down to business and calculate your Zakat, beginning with your income. Keep in mind, Zakat is obligatory for those who meet specific requirements.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ZAKAT?



The ones in debt who struggle to pay it off.

Individuals who are unable to return to their homeland, often referred to as refugees.

Those in hardship.

You can reach out to an Islamic scholar or an expert in this field for tailored advice.





BENEFITS OF ZAKAT

Zakat - a one-of-a-kind act of kindness that gives back to the giver as much as the receiver. It purifies your wealth, builds connections, and nurtures empathy.

What do I include in Zakat calculation?



In the Zakat tally, count in cash, shares, pensions, gold and silver, business goods, crops and cattle, and income from investment property. But don't worry about your cosy home, comfy furniture, speedy cars, tasty food, or snazzy clothes. They don't get counted!





What is Nisab?

Think of Nisab as a friendly financial checkpoint. Make sure you've got at least the minimum amount of wealth for one lunar year, and the countdown begins!

Once you've hit that checkpoint and kept your wealth steady for the next lunar year, it's time to give out your Zakat.



How much do I pay?

You've cracked the code on the lowest amount of wealth (Nisab) needed to pay Zakat.

But how do you calculate the actual amount owed? Well, it's a flat 2.5% of all the cash and assets you own beyond your basic needs.

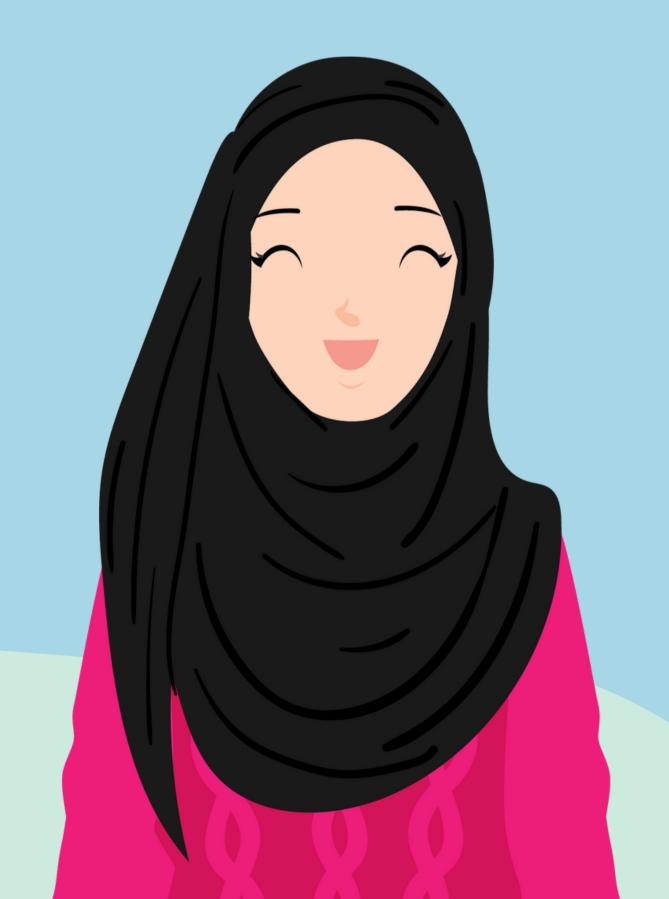
So, if you have £1000 in total assets, you'd part with £25.



What is the difference between general Charity and Zakat?

Time to get charitable! Muslims are no strangers to giving back, but did you know that Zakat is a must-do, while Sadaqah is more of a "do it if you can" kind of deal?

Zakat is all about cash, but Sadaqah can be anything from a dime to a dazzling smile, as taught by none other than Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).





WHO PAYS ZAKAT?

Here are some golden rules for giving Zakat:

- 1. Only those at the age of responsibility are eligible to give Zakat.
- 2. You must possess the minimum amount of wealth (Nisab) for a lunar year before paying Zakat.
- 3. The payer must be in a sound mental state.
- 4. Zakat can only be given to those who meet the requirements to receive it.

