

## Zakāh al-Fitr – Questions & Answers



### What is the amount payable for Zakāh al-Fiṭr ?

Shaykh Ibn Bāz (رحمہ اللہ) said:

“That which is necessary is one Ṣā’ of the local provisions, and it’s amount in terms of kilograms is approximately 3kg.”

(یواتفلا) (14/ 203)

### 2. What is the reason for the payment of Zakāh al-Fiṭr?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn (رحمہ اللہ) said:

“To make apparent thanks in its entirety for the benefit of breaking fast as given by Allāh to his ‘abd.”

(یواتفلا) (18/ 657)

### 3. To whom should Zakāh al-Fiṭr be passed on to ?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn (رحمہ اللہ) said:

“There is no one except those who are entitled to it, and they are the poor.”

(یواتفلا) (18/259)

4. When is the correct time to hand out the Zakāh al-Fiṭr?

Shaykh Ibn Bāz رحمه الله said:

“It should be given upon the twenty eighth, the twenty ninth, the thirtieth, the night of ‘Īd and the morning of ‘Īd, before the prayer.”

5. Can Zakāh al-Fiṭr be given upon the unborn ?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:

“Zakāh al-Fiṭr should not be given to the one within the stomach of a pregnant woman out of requirement, rather it should only be given out of appreciation.”

(18/263)

6. Is it permissible for a pauper to take the Zakāh al-Fiṭr of another person ?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:

“It is permissible”

(18/268) (يوافق)

7. Is there a specific saying to utter whilst giving Zakāh al-Fiṭr?

“We do not know of any specific supplication to say whilst giving it.”

(9/387) (تم ادلائه من قبل)

8. What is the ruling of entrusting ones children or someone else to give Zakāh al-Fiṭr on his behalf ?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:

“It is permissible for one to entrust his children to give the Zakāh al-Fiṭr on his behalf upon the time it is due, even if, during this time, he was in another country due to his circumstance.”

(18/262) (يوافق)

9. Is it permissible to give Zakāh al-Fiṭr to a country other than the country of the one giving the Zakāh?

Shaykh Ibn Bāz رحمه الله said:

“The Sunnah is to distribute it between the poor of the country of the one giving the Zakāh, without it being moved to another country, so as to make wealthy the poor of his country whilst providing for them.”

10. Is it permissible to give the Zakāh al-Fiṭr to one who is not a muslim ?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:

“It is not permissible to give it anyone, except to the poor of the Muslims.”

11. Is it permissible to pay for something with the Zakāh al-Fiṭr?

Shaykh Ibn Bāz رحمه الله said:

“It is not permissible to pay for something with the Zakāh al-Fiṭr according to the opinions of the majority of the Scholars, due to it being against what has been legislated by the Prophet ﷺ and his companions, may Allāh’s happiness be upon them.

(14/ 32) (يوافق)

The Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:

“Giving it as a payment is not permitted, as their sustenance is an obligation”

(18/265) (يوافق)

12. Is it necessary for a Muslim to be in the appropriate (financial) condition for him to give the Zakāh al-Fiṭr?

Shaykh Ibn Bāz رحمه الله said:

“There is no need for him to reach a certain condition, rather it is obligatory upon every Muslim, for him to give it on behalf of himself, and of the members of his household i.e. his children, his wives, his possessions, should they be able to do so upon the day of ‘Īd or upon it’s night.”

(إيواتفلا) (14/ 197)

13. Should the person giving the Zakāh al-Fiṭr hand it out to one person or is he able to hand it out to many people ?

“It is permissible for a single person to hand it out to an individual, just as it is also permissible to distribute it among many.”

(قمةادلأ قنجللا) (9/377)

14. Is it necessary for the maid of a household give Zakāh al-Fiṭr?

Shaykh Al-‘Uthaymīn رحمه الله said:

a) It is necessary for the maid of a household to give Zakāh al-Fiṭr as she is from the Muslims.

b) In its principle, Zakāh al-Fiṭr is obligatory upon her, however, should the occupants of the household choose to give it on her behalf, then there is no issue with her not giving it.

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