

## Zakah

Zakah is the third pillar of Islam, it is mentioned more than 30 times in the Quran. Zakah is established by the Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ. Allah said:

﴿وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ﴾ [البقرة: 43]  
And establish prayer and give Zakah



The Prophet ﷺ said, “Islam is based on five things: the testimony that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and messenger, the performance of the prayer, the payment of zakat, the fast during Ramadan and Pilgrimage.” [Bukhari and Muslim.]

### What does Zakah mean?

Zakah means blessings, growth and purification. Zakah is named so because it increases the wealth, blessings and faith of the individual who pays it.

### Who must pay Zakah?

Not every Muslim is obligated to pay Zakah. Only those who meet the following conditions must pay Zakah: A Muslim who saves money, the value of this money worth 85 grams of gold or more, and this money is extra than the basic needs.

## Zakah

**Who deserves Zakah?**

Zakah can not be given to just anyone; there are certain kinds of people who deserve Zakah and it must be given only to them.

These kinds are:

1. The poor.
2. The needy.
3. Those who work the collection and distribution of Zakah,
4. New converts to Islam to strengthen their love for the faith.
5. Freeing slaves.
6. Paying off someone's debt.
7. For the sake of Allah.
8. For the travelers who ran out of money.



إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَاتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَامِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ  
وَالْغَارِمِينَ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ فَرِيضَةً مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

The obligatory charity shall be only for the poor and the needy, and for those who work to collect it, and to influence hearts (to belief), for ransoming captives, and debtors in the Way of Allah and the destitute traveler. It is an obligation from Allah. Allah is Knowing, Wise.

## Zakah

### How to calculate your Zakah?

Lets learn how to determine how much money a Muslim must pay in Zakah. First make sure the amount of money you have is extra than your necessary needs, you saved it for one year and it is enough for you to walk to the jeweler and buy 85 grams of gold. If your answer is yes, then you have to pay Zakah and the question now is how much to pay.

You have to pay 2.5% of the amount of money you have. Lets give an example of Ahmad who saved \$10,000.

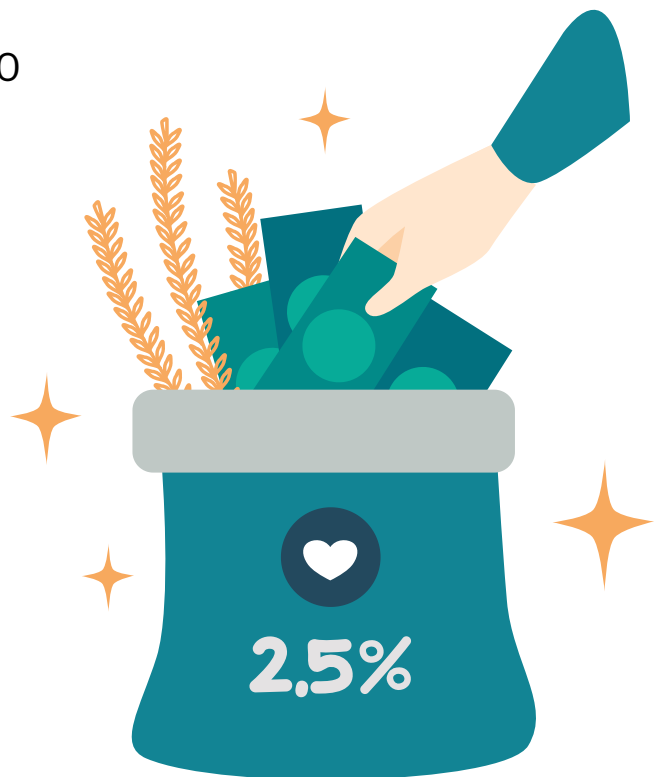
$$\$10,000 \times 2.5/100 = \$250$$

Another easy way is to get the quarter of the 10th.

$$\$10,000$$

$$\text{the 10th of the } 10,000/10 = 1000$$

$$\text{now divided } 1000/4 = \$250$$



# QUIZ

## Multiple Choice Questions

**1- What does Zakah mean?**

- a) Worship
- b) Purification and growth
- c) Charity
- d) Gratitude

**2- What is the percentage of Zakah that must be paid?**

- a) 10%
- b) 2%
- c) 2.5%

**3- Zakah is the \_\_\_\_\_ pillar of Islam.**

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fourth

**4- Which group is not eligible to receive Zakah?**

- a) The poor
- b) New converts to Islam
- c) Wealthy Muslims
- d) Travelers who ran out of money

**5- How often must Zakah be paid on savings?**

- a) Monthly
- b) Weekly
- c) Yearly
- d) Once in a lifetime

**6- What is the minimum amount of savings required to pay Zakah (Nisab)?**

- a) 50 grams of gold
- b) 85 grams of gold
- c) 100 grams of gold
- d) 25 grams of gold

**7- How much Zakah must Ahmad pay if he saved \$10,000?**

- a) \$200
- b) \$250
- c) \$1,000
- d) \$2,500

## Fill-in-the-Blank

1- Zakah is the \_\_\_\_\_ pillar of Islam. Muslims must pay Zakah if their savings exceed \_\_\_\_\_ grams of gold.

2- Zakah is mentioned more than \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Quran.

3- The percentage of Zakah to be paid is \_\_\_\_\_.

4- Zakah purifies wealth and \_\_\_\_\_ blessings.

5- Zakah is established by the Quran and the \_\_\_\_\_.

# QUIZ

## TRUE OR FALSE

- 1- Zakah is optional for all Muslims.
- 2- Zakah is mentioned more than 30 times in the Quran.
- 3- A Muslim with savings of less than 85 grams of gold must pay Zakah.
- 4- Zakah can be used to pay off someone's debt.
- 5- Zakah is paid once every five years.
- 6- The Prophet ﷺ said that Islam is based on five things, including Zakah.
- 7- Zakah can be given to the wealthy if they are travelers.
- 8- The poor and the needy are among those eligible for Zakah.
- 9- The amount of Zakah to be paid is 5% of one's savings.
- 10- Zakah increases blessings and purifies wealth.

## Answer the Questions

- 1- What does Zakah mean?
- 2- How much Zakah must a Muslim pay on their savings?
- 3- Name three groups of people eligible to receive Zakah.
- 4- What is the minimum Nisab for paying Zakah?
- 5- How often must Zakah be paid?
- 6- Why is Zakah important?
- 7- What is the calculation for Zakah on \$20,000?
- 8- Can Zakah be given to someone in debt?
- 9- What does the Sunnah say about the obligation of Zakah?