



An Obligation

Ibn 'Abbas Said: "The Messenger of Allah enjoined zakāt al-fitr as a purification for the fasting person from idle talk and obscenities, and feed the poor."

[Abū Dāwūd #1609, Ibn Mājah #1872]



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On Whom Is It Wājib?

- 1. Every free Muslim who has the value of niṣāb in excess of his necessities and basic debts at ṣubḥ ṣādiq (true dawn) on the day of 'Īd.
- 2. A person upon whom zakāh is not wājib but owns surplus possessions equivalent to the value of the niṣāb of zakāh over and above his basic needs.

Note: The surplus wealth over and above his basic needs does not have to be: Niṣāb: \$1003.98

- productive (gold, silver, cash)
- for the purpose of trade
- in his possession for a full year.

[See: Marāqī al-Falāḥ & Ṭaḥṭāwī pg.723, Sharḥ Jāmí Ṣaghīr by Qāḍī kh<mark>ān 1/308]</mark>



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It Is Wājib On The One Who Has Surplus Possessions Valued to Niṣāb

Sadaqatul fitr is wājib on a person who has an extra property, extra utensils, livestock, tools or produce which is equivalent to the value of niṣāb.

[Fatāwā Maḥmūdiyyah 14/395-395]







It is Wājib on The One Who Has Vacant Houses Valued To Nisāb

If a person has multiple properties and he resides in one and the others are vacant and their value is equivalent to or more than the niṣāb and his livelihood is not dependent on them, șadagatul fițr is wājib on him.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/274]







When is Sadaqatul Fitr Wājib?

It is wājib at the time of true dawn (subh sādiq) on 'Idul Fitr.

Therefore, sadaqatul fitris wājib on whoever possesses the nisāb at this time.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/279]



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A Poor Person Becomes Wealthy Before Subh Sādiq OF 'Id ul Fitr

Sadaqatul fitr is wajib on a poor person who becomes wealthy before subh sādiq of 'Id ul Fitr and also remains wealthy at subh sādiq time on the day of 'Id.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/280]



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A Poor Person Becomes Wealthy After Subh Sādiq OF 'Id ul Fitr

Sadaqatul fitr is not wajib on a person who is poor at subh sadiq of 'Id ul Fitr but becomes the owner of nisab later on that day.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/280]







Sadagatul Fitr on Behalf of Immature Children

Sadagatul fitr is wājib on the father of such immature child who does not own the nisāb.

If the minor is the owner of niṣāb, ṣadaqatul fiţr is to be discharged from his wealth [unless the father

pays it].

[Kitābul Masāil 2/280]







Sadaqatul Fitr on Behalf of Insane & Mentally Unsound People

Sadaqatul fitr should also be discharged on behalf of a person who is mentally unsound even if he is mature.

If he is poor, the father will discharge it on his behalf from his [i.e., the father's] wealth.

If he is wealthy, it is to be discharged from his [i.e., the mentally unsound person's] wealth.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/280]



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Sadaqatul Fitr on Behalf of Mature (Bāligh) Children

It is <u>not</u> compulsory on the father to discharge *ṣadaqatul* fitr on behalf of his sane and mature (bāligh) children.

However, if that child is under the guardianship of the father and he discharges it on behalf of the child, it will be fulfilled.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/281]

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Sadaqatul Fitr on Behalf of The Wife

It is not compulsory on the husband to discharge sadaqatul fitr on behalf of his wife.

However, if he discharges it on her behalf, it will be fulfilled whether he sought her permission or not.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/281]



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Sadagatul Fitr on Behalf of An Unborn Child

It is not compulsory on the father to discharge sadaqatul fitr on behalf of an unborn child who is still in the womb on the day of 'Id.

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The Ruling of Sadaqatul Fitr On An Ill Person Who Was Unable To Observe the Fasts

Sadaqațul Fițr is wājib on a person who was unable to observe the fasts of Ramaḍān due to an illness but possesses the niṣāb at the time of ṣubḥ ṣādiq on 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/279]







The Ruling of Sadaqatul Fitr For a Traveller

Just as sadaqaţul fiţr is wājib on a resident who owns the nişāb, it is also wājib on a traveller who owns the niṣāb.

He would have to give the value of whichever city he is present in on 'Id day.

For example: An Indian resident who is in Saudi Arabia on 'Īd day will discharge his sadaqatul fitr based on the value of ½ sā' of wheat in Saudi Arabia.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/274, 285]



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The Ruling of Sadaqatul Fitr For A person Who is a Temporary Resident in A Foreign Country

If a temporary resident in a foreign country wishes to discharge his sadaqatul fitr in his hometown, it should be discharged based on the value of the city he is temporarily residing in and not based on the value of his hometown. For example: If a citizen of India has temporarily migrated to another country for employment purposes and he requests his family members in his hometown (India) to discharge his sadaqatul fitr there, it should be discharged according to the value of ½ ṣā of wheat in the country which he is temporarily residing in and not based on its value in India.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/286]

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The Mustahab Time to Discharge the Sadaqatul Fitr

It is mustaḥab (preferable) to discharge the ṣadaqatul fiṭr on the day of 'Īd before going for 'Īd ṣalāh.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/282]







Discharging the Sadaqatul Fitr In Ramadhān

It is also permissible to discharge the sadaqatul fitr in Ramadan.

However, according to the opinion upon which the fatwā is issued, it will not be fulfilled if it is discharged before Ramaḍān.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/282]







Discharged Sadaqatul Fitr In Advance But The Price of Wheat Increased on Id Day

If sadaqatul fitr was discharged before 'Id day and the price increased on 'Id day, the surplus amount by which it increased would also have to be paid.

[Fatāwā Maḥmūdiyyah 14/392]







Discharging the Sadaqatul Fitr After The Id Salāh Part 1

Ibn 'Abbās said: "The Messenger of Allāh enjoined zakāt al-fiţr as a purification for the fasting person from idle talk and obscenities, and to feed the poor. Whoever pays it before the ('Īd) prayer, it is an accepted zakāh, and whoever pays it after the prayer, it is (ordinary) charity." [Abū Dāwūd #1609, Ibn Mājah #1872]







Discharging the Sadaqatul Fitr After The Id Salāh Part 2

It is best to discharge the sadaqatul fitr before 'Id salāh.

However, if it was not discharged at that time, its obligation is not absolved by delay, regardless of how long it may be. It will be regarded as fulfilled whenever it is discharged. Despite this, delaying it is lamentable.

[Makhūdh min : Kitābul Masāil 2/282 wa Majmaʿul Anhur 1/337]

[Also see: Fatāwā Raḥīmiyyah 7/200]







Discharging the Sadaqatul Fitr With Rice and Other Food Commodities

If sadaqatul fitr is discharged with food commodities other than those mentioned in the hadīth (wheat, barley, dates, raisins), it should not be discharged based on weight. Rather, it should be discharged based on value.

The rice should be bought with the money equivalent to the market value of ½ ṣā' of wheat or one ṣā' of barley, raisins or dates and given in charity.

[Kitābul Masāìl 2/284]

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Sadaqatul Fitr Masa'il

A Request to The Well-to-Do

Nowadays, the value of half of a $s\bar{a}$ (1.75 kg) of wheat is very little. This is a very insignificant, unsubstantial and trivial amount for the wealthy. This is why they are encouraged to pay the price of one $s\bar{a}$ (3.5 kg) of dates or raisins instead of paying the price of half a $s\bar{a}$ of wheat in sadaqatul fitr. They will reap tremendous rewards and it will be more beneficial for the poor.

"Ibn 'Abbās preached towards the end of Ramaḍān on the pulpit of Baṣrah: 'Rasūlullāh prescribed this ṣadaqah as one ṣā' of dried dates or barley, or half a ṣā' of wheat upon every free man or slave, male or female, young or old.' When 'Alī came (to Baṣrah), he found that the price had declined. He said: 'Allāh has granted you prosperity, so if only you were to make it one ṣā' of everything.'" [Abū Dāwūd #1622, Aḥmad #2018]

From this, we learn that the well-to-do should give the higher price when paying sadaqatul fitr.

[Kitābul Masāil 2/283]





Recipient of Sadagah

A Muslim who does not have:

- 1. Productive wealth (cash, gold, silver) equivalent to the niṣāb over and above his basic debts.
- 2.Surplus possessions (such as clothing, furniture, properties etc.) equivalent to the value of niṣāb over and above his basic necessities.

[See:Durr Mukhtār with Raddul Muḥtār 6/72-73]

[See: Fatāwā'Usmānī 2/135]







Şadaqatul Fitr Is Not Halāl (Lawful) For Sayyids

It is not permissible to give sadaqatul fitr to Sayyids (the Banū Hāshim i.e., the relatives of the

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Utilising The Money Given as Sadaqatul Fitr For the Masjid or the Graveyard

The recipients of sadaqatul fitr are the same as those for zakāh.

Therefore, just as it is not permissible to utilize zakāh money for masjids and graveyards, it is also not permissible to do so with the money collected for sadaqatul

ftt. [Kitābul Masāil 2/284-285]



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Giving All the Sadaqatul Fitr to One Poor Person

It is best that the *şadaqatul fiţr* of one individual is only given to one eligible poor person.

It is makrüh tanzīhī to distribute the şadaqatul fiţr of one individual to multiple poor persons.

However, there is nothing wrong in giving the *şadaqatul fiţr* of multiple individuals to one poor person. [Kitābul Masāil 2/284]

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Sadaqatul Fitr Is Never Waived
If sadaqatul fitr was wājib
upon someone and it was not
discharged at its appointed
time, and thereafter one's
wealth was destroyed or
decreased below the amount
by which it becomes wājib, its

[See:Durr Mukhtār with Raddul Muḥtār 6/143-45]

obligation will not be waived.

[See: Badāíuṣ Ṣanāǐ 2/69] [See: Kitābul Fatāwā 3/355]



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