

# FIDYA OF FASTS

## A BRIEF GUIDE : DARUL IFTAA MALAWI

In principle, if a person is genuinely unable to fast due to old age or a chronic illness, he / she will be excused from fasting.

If the person is expected to recover from such illness, then it will be necessary to perform Qadha for each missed fast. However, if there no hope of recovery, then Fidyah must be paid for every missed fast.

If one is able to make Qadha of the fasts during winter when the days are shorter, then one should do so. If this is still not possible, only then one must pay the Fidyah for each fast that was missed.

Pregnant and breastfeeding women are exempted from fasting during the month of Ramadhan if it is established that it is harmful to them or their child. Such women have to make Qadha (make up) for all missed fasts later when they are able to. They cannot offer Fidyah for the missed fasts.

Those who intend to send their Fidyah abroad will calculate the Fidyah based on the value of their country / city of residence.

The value of Fidyah for each fast is the same as Sadaqatul Fitr, which is the value of 1.75 kg of wheat or wheat flour or 3.5 kg of barley or their equivalent value in one's area / country.

It is permissible to give the Fidyah of multiple fasts to one person. Likewise, it is permissible to divide one Fidyah amount among multiple persons.

Fidyah may be given in cash or kind.

Fidyah may only be given to Muslims who are eligible for Zakah.

It is not permissible to give the Fidyah of the fasts of Ramadhan before the commencement of Ramadhan.

The Fidyah of the entire month of Ramadhan may be given after the commencement of Ramadhan.

Fidyah for the past years will be given in accordance to the current value.

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