

Şadaqah al-Fiṭr 1439/2018

(1) What is Şadaqah al-Fiṭr?

Şadaqah al-Fiṭr is a specific form of charity that is given to the poor towards the end of Ramaḍān or before Eid Şalāh. The Prophet ﷺ prescribed it as purification of the fasting from idle talk and obscenities and as food for the poor (*Sunan Abī Dāwūd*, 1609). Accordingly, it is important to ensure that your Şadaqah al-Fiṭr reaches the poor people by Eid day.

(2) How much is Şadaqah al-Fiṭr?

The Şadaqah al-Fiṭr prices are based on the prices of certain commodities mentioned in the ḥadīths. According to the Ḥanafī school of thought, the obligation of Şadaqah al-Fiṭr can be fulfilled by donating $\frac{1}{2}$ Şā^c of wheat or 1 Şā^c of dates, barley or raisins. The amount of these commodities and their retail values are outlined in the following table:

Wheat	Barley	Dates	Raisins
$\frac{1}{2}$ Şā ^c (2.94 litres)	1 Şā ^c (5.88 litres)	1 Şā ^c (5.88 litres)	1 Şā ^c (5.88 litres)
£3.00	£4.00	£16.50	£20.00

One may choose any of these prices per head. The more you donate the greater the reward. Donating £2.25 will also suffice based on an alternative calculation of the Şā^c. Donate to an organisation that will deliver your Şadaqah al-Fiṭr to the poor by Eid day.

Please note these retail values for the aforementioned quantities are based on the prices of the commodities provided by four local shops of Blackburn on 1 Sha^cbān 1439/17 April 2018. Accordingly, this document is primarily intended for the people of Blackburn. The prices have been rounded off to take into account the slight fluctuation in prices that could occur until the end of Ramaḍān. A detailed paper underlying the calculations is available online www.islamicportal.co.uk.

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