

Zakah Policy for The Majlis

Zakah funds are collected through a separate tracking than our general funds so that we know what is coming in from zakah at all times.

Zakah cases and distributions will be overseen by the instructors at The Majlis. At this time they are Shaykh Fouad Elgohari, Shaykha Muslema Purmul, and Shaykh Jamaal Diwan.

We are not seeking to become a major zakah distributor as there are many local organizations that already do this noble and important work. Our goal is to use zakah for internal community cases that we know of and for applicable cases that are brought to us specifically.

Zakah will not be used for general operations or salaries. It will only be distributed to qualified recipients in accordance with the standard positions of the 4 madhabs of Sunni Islam. What follows are some details on various common cases.

Recipients:

- Those are who are deemed *faqir* by the sharia. These are those who do not possess 85g of gold or its equivalent which in March 2023 was roughly \$5,000.
 - Priority for this will be given to our own community members who are in need and to students of sacred knowledge that we know who are in need.
 - In the Hanafi school full time students of knowledge can also be given from zakah. See [here](#).
- In most cases money will be given directly to those in need as this is optimal. However, in cases where this may be less than optimal we may follow the Hanafi position that allows distribution in other forms (See [here](#)). An example of this would be if a prisoner was zakah eligible and requested reading materials on Islam.
- Money will often be distributed locally. Sometimes we may decide to distribute it elsewhere for a greater need or in support of sister projects of The Majlis that have their own zakah distribution efforts in other countries (See [here](#)).
- The Majlis will **not** take a portion of zakah money under the premise that we are from those working to aid in its distribution.