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Islamic Relief Canada lists eight categories of zakat beneficiaries

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On its website, Islamic Relief Canada lists eight categories of zakat beneficiaries. These eight categories match exactly the categories listed in the Muslim Brotherhood-endorsed <u>manual of sharia Umdat al-Salik</u>.

These 8 categories can be reduced to 5:

FOUR CATEGORIES OF POOR PEOPLE

- 1. The poor & needy these people may have some wealth, but not enough to make up the nisab.
- 2. The destitute such people have nothing other than the very basic necessities; they are worse off than the poor.
- 6. Those who are indebted, but unable to settle their debt.
- 8. Travellers who have run out of money and would therefore have no way of reaching their final destination without help.

ZAKAT COLLECTORS

3. Those employed to collect the zakat – this refers to those that collect as well as distribute the zakat.

NEW MUSLIMS

4. To reconcile hearts – traditionally, this category was for new Muslims who after having become Muslim, faced extreme poverty due to their decision.

SLAVES WHO CAN BE FREED

5. To free slaves – this category does not apply as readily as it once did.

MUSLIMS WAGING JIHAD

7. Those struggling in the path of Allah.

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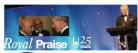
What is Zakat?

The word zakat means 'purity' or 'to purify' and it represents obligatory charity; all Muslims who are wealthy enough, must perform this charity in order to purify their wealth in the eyes of Allah (swt). In other words, since Allah blesses us with wealth it is therefore our duty to give back to those in most need, a test that if we pass will purify the rest of our wealth. As one of the five pillars of Islam, this is an obligation of all Muslims.

Who benefits?

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Zakat cannot be used to build mosques, to bury the deceased, Ä or to clear the debt of the deceased.





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