

c) Camels:

Nisab: 5 camels.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5-9	1 sheep
10-14	2 sheep
15-19	3 sheep
20-24	4 sheep
25-35	1 camel 1 to 2 years old
36-45	1 camel 2 to 3 years old
46-60	1 camel 3 to 4 years old
61-75	1 camel 4 to 5 years old
76-90	2 camel 2 to 3 years old
91-120	2 camel 3 to 4 years old
121 and above	each 40: 1 camel 2 to 3 years old each 50: 1 camel 3 to 4 years old

Who deserves Zakat:

- 1 - The poor.
- 2 - The needy.
- 3 - Those employed to administer Zakat funds.
- 4 - Those who need reconciliation.
- 5 - Those in bondage.
- 6 - Those in debt.
- 7 - Those fighting for the cause of Allah.
- 8 - The wayfarer.



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The third pillar of Islam.

Allah said in the meaning of: *«Of their wealth take alms that you purify and sanctify them»*.

* Every Muslim who possesses a certain amount of property must pay annually the dues (Zakat) of his possessions to the categories Allah mentioned when He said in the meaning of: *«Alms are for the poor, the needy, those employed to administer the funds, those whose hearts have been recently reconciled, those in bondage, those in debt, those in the cause of Allah, and for the wayfarer ordained by Allah»*.

Specifications of Minimum Amount Liable for Zakat (Nisab):

- 1 - Must be beyond one's need (extra).
- 2 - One year (Hawl) had passed on that amount without any decrease (Hawl: maintain at least that amount for a whole year).

Possessions liable for Zakat:

1 - Gold, Silver, and currency:

Nisab: For gold 20 mithkals of gold which is equivalent to 70 grams of gold. For silver is 200 dirhams which is equivalent to 460 grams of silver. For currency, the amount equivalent to 70 grams of gold or 460 grams of silver in the country's currency (depends on the price of gold or silver at a specific time and place).

Amount: 2.5%

2 - Goods of commerce (must own it, and used solely for commerce):

Nisab: Equivalent to the currency Nisab (evaluate the goods in the country's currency).

Amount: 2.5%

3 - Cereals, grain and fruits (crops):

Nisab: 5 Awsuq (equivalent to 675 kilograms)

Amount:

- a) Irrigated by springs, rivers or rain: 10%.
- b) Irrigated with difficulty by man-made means such as pumps or any other lifting apparatus: 5%.

Note: Zakat is due at the harvest time, not after a year as the other kinds, for Allah said in the meaning of: *«Render the dues that are proper on the day of the harvest»*.

4 - Animals (cows, sheep, and camels):

- Must not be fed (graze)
- Must not be used in work

a) Cows:

Nisab: 30 cows:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30-39	1 one year old veal
40-59	1 two year old or older
60-69	2 one year old
70-79	1 one year old and 1 two year old
80 and above	each 30: 1 one year old, each 40: 1 two year old

b) Sheep

Nisab: 40 sheep

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
40-120	1 sheep (one year old)
121-200	2 sheep
201-300	3 sheep
301-400	4 sheep
401-500	5 sheep
500 and above	each 100: 1 sheep