



## Core Curriculum

### 3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

#### 3.7 The Purpose of Zakat and Khums in Islamic Law

**Question:** What is Khums?

**Answer:** Khums is the 1/5th tax one must pay on one's final sitting income after one's total expenses.

**Question:** What is Zakat?

**Answer:** Zakat is a 2.5% tax one pays from one's tangible income (like gold and silver) and it is generally meant to help the poor

**Question:** What is khums money usually used for?

**Answer:** Khums is usually used to fund Muslim organizations and institutions like Mosques, religious programs or seminaries.

**Question:** Who do I pay khums to?

**Answer:** A Muslim center that has been approved for khums collection by a Marja'

**Question:** Can I pay zakat in dollars?

**Answer:** No