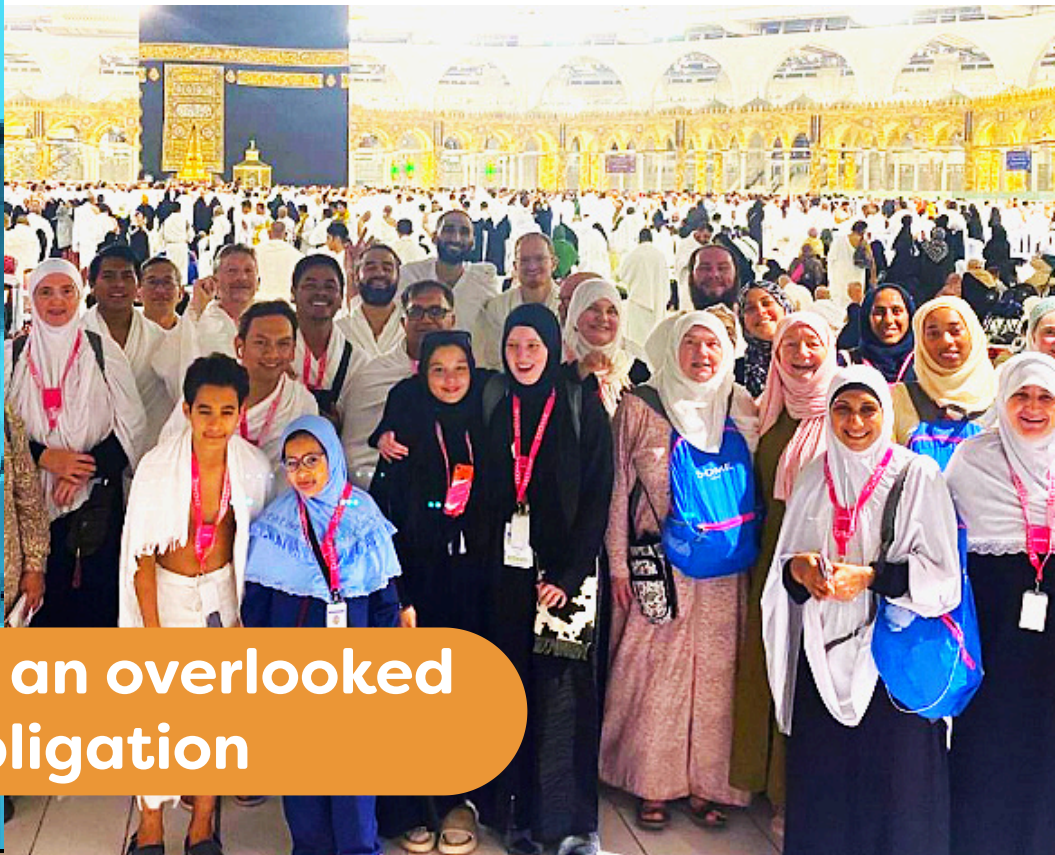




Zakat 4 Converts

A Complete Guide



**Reviving an overlooked
obligation**

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Who are we?



The Convert Muslim Foundation (CMF), is a UK-based umbrella organisation dedicated to strengthening convert care services and advocating for those who embrace Islam.



Our mission is to empower convert care organisations, enhance awareness of the convert experience, and foster a welcoming and inclusive community.



Guided by the values of inclusivity, compassion, and integrity, we work closely and collaboratively with individuals and organisations, ensuring the best interests of those we are privileged to serve, remain at the heart of every initiative we undertake.



The essence of Zakat

Zakat is more than a financial obligation. It is a divine system of purification, social justice, and communal empowerment. It purifies wealth, promotes equality, and ensures that those in need are uplifted with dignity.

Did you know that supporting converts is a core category of Zakat?

The Qur'an (9:60) outlines eight categories of Zakat, which includes for "those whose hearts are being reconciled." Muslim scholars are agreed that this category specifically refers to those new to Islam who are in need of guidance, education, and support.

For new Muslims, Zakat can be a vital lifeline, providing faith, stability, and belonging. Many face emotional, financial, and educational challenges as they navigate their transition. Your Zakat not only fulfils a religious obligation but also invests in their spiritual and personal growth, helping them to become strong, confident, and active members of the community. Without robust support, converts are significantly more likely to struggle in their faith journey.



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A responsible approach to Dawah

Dawah, sharing Islam with others, is a responsibility for all Muslims primarily through our actions, character, and conduct as upright citizens and ambassadors of our faith.

Our responsibility in this regard does not end when someone embraces the faith. On the contrary - it begins! Supporting those who respond to Dawah is an obligation, not an option. When individuals take the bold step of converting to Islam, many will struggle to maintain their faith without a well-managed and structured support system.

Dawah without ongoing support is incomplete. True Dawah includes nurturing those who accept Islam, ensuring they do not tread this path alone.

A respectful response ensures they not only remain in the faith but that they thrive, becoming active contributors to all aspects of life. Investing in converts strengthens both the convert Muslim and the wider community since those new to Islam have the potential to pass on knowledge in raising strong Muslim families and acting as important bridge builders, and changemakers, enriching the wider community through positive contribution.





Why is this category of Zakat being overlooked?

Many Muslims are unfamiliar with the fourth category of Zakat (*Al-Mu'allafatu Qulūbuhum*), which supports those whose hearts are being reconciled and strengthened on entering Islam.

Shifts in historical circumstances and changing societal contexts led to its decline. Modern day scholars however, affirm its continued validity.

Additionally, a lack of awareness about converts within the community, coupled with the assumption that they receive sufficient support, means their unique challenges often go unrecognised. The absence of a dedicated Zakat framework further restricts opportunities to provide them with essential assistance.

CMF's commitment

Convert Muslim Foundation is committed to providing that dedicated infrastructure and to reviving this essential cause for the following reasons:

Vulnerability: At the point of conversion, and for considerable time beyond Shahadah depending on individual circumstances, new Muslims are vulnerable. Many face isolation, financial hardship and limited access to contextualised Islamic guidance and education, making their transition challenging.

Neglect: Without proper support many struggle to integrate. Our experience shows that converts to Islam who lack support are more likely to struggle and drift away from practicing Islam or, they leave the faith.

Divine command: Allah (swt), in His wisdom, included this category of Zakat in the Qur'an (9:60), knowing the struggles faced by those embracing Islam and making it a communal duty to support them.

Increased numbers of Shahadah: Never before has the need for convert care been greater, while trends suggest the numbers of people in the UK embracing Islam will continue to grow exponentially.



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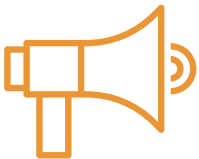
Your Zakat will directly fund



Education: Providing essential contextualised Islamic knowledge and practical guidance to help converts build solid faith-based foundations.



Research: Vital studies on convert experiences to develop data-driven solutions that enhance support systems and community integration.



Advocacy: Championing the rights and needs of converts, ensuring their voices are heard within the Muslim community and beyond.



Leadership Training & Capacity Building:

Equipping converts and convert care organisations with the skills to become leaders within the Muslim community, fostering long-term sustainability and impact.



Signposting and Mentorship: Pairing new Muslims with experienced mentors to offer guidance and a sense of belonging in their journey and directing them to their nearest convert care service provider.



Well-being Support: Offering emotional and social support to help converts overcome challenges and transition into their new identity with confidence.

CMF's Zakat policy & assurances

Shariah compliant Zakat policy approved and endorsed by leading scholars in the UK and beyond

Donations allocated in accordance with Islamic guidelines that directly benefit eligible recipients

Transparency and accountability ensuring responsible Zakat distribution through clear governance and oversight

Comprehensive and transparent reporting on fund allocation and its impact

Tracking and assessing the effectiveness of programmes that ensure meaningful, long-term support for converts

Community trust and engagement based on regular updates, open communication, and donor feedback

How you can give your Zakat

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This is not just Zakat - this is an opportunity to secure ongoing rewards since it fulfils the concept of *Sadaqah Jariyah*, a reward for you in the *Akhirah* that will continue to multiply until the end of time!

Seize this opportunity and pave your way to a blessed Hereafter.



Your Zakat is more than a donation - it's a legacy of faith. Be part of reviving this overlooked obligation