

Qurbani *rules*

Who must give it, which animals, how many shares, and the days · Hanafi

WHAT REACHES ALLAH

Taqwa, not meat

لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهَ لُحُمُهَا وَلَا دِمَاؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ
التَّقْوَى مِنْكُمْ

Lan yanalallaha luhumuha wa la dima'uha wa lakin yanaluhur-taqwa minkum

Neither their meat nor their blood reaches Allah; what reaches Him is your taqwa.

SURAH AL-HAJJ 22:37

WHO MUST GIVE IT · HANAFI

- Every adult, sane Muslim who is not travelling and owns the **nisab** (the same as for Zakat) beyond basic needs on the days of qurbani.
- A full year of owning it is **not** needed, unlike Zakat.
- It is for **each person**: if a husband and wife each own the nisab, each gives one.

THE DAYS

I O

Dhul-Hijjah

after the Eid Salah (in towns)

I I

Dhul-Hijjah

day and night

I 2

Dhul-Hijjah

until sunset

The first day is best. A qurbani done before the Eid Salah in a town does not count and must be repeated.

ANIMALS, AGES AND SHARES

ANIMAL	MINIMUM AGE	SHARES
Goat, sheep	1 full year (a healthy sheep of 6 months that looks a year old is allowed)	1 person
Cow, buffalo	2 full years	up to 7
Camel	5 full years	up to 7

In a shared animal, every share must be for qurbani or 'aqiqah. Follow the law of your state about which animals may be slaughtered.

DEFECTS: THESE ANIMALS ARE NOT VALID

Blind, or blind in one eye · so lame it cannot walk to the place of slaughter · very thin and weak · more than a third of an ear or the tail cut off · most teeth missing · a horn broken off from the root · born without ears.



The day of qurbani

Before, during and after the slaughter

FROM 1 DHUL-HIJJAH

Leave hair and nails

If you are giving qurbani, it is mustahabb not to cut your hair or nails from the start of Dhul-Hijjah until your qurbani is done.

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AT THE SLAUGHTER

Say as the knife is passed

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Bismillahi wallahu akbar

In the name of Allah, and Allah is the Greatest.

SAHIH MUSLIM 1966

1

Be there

It is best to slaughter your own animal if you can, or at least to be present.

SAHIH MUSLIM 1966

2

Be kind to the animal

Sharpen the knife out of its sight, give it water, do not slaughter one in front of another, and lay it gently on its left side facing the qiblah.

SAHIH MUSLIM 1955

3

Name Allah

Say "Bismillahi wallahu akbar" as you cut (see the box above). If the name of Allah is left out on purpose, the meat is not halal.

HANAFI

4

Wait

Let the animal become completely still before skinning or cutting it.

HANAFI

THE MEAT

It is best to divide it in three: one third for your family, one for relatives and friends, one for the poor. You may keep more if your family needs it.

THE SKIN

Use it yourself or give it in charity. If it is sold, the money must be given to the poor.

DON'T

Pay the butcher with meat or skin: pay him separately. Do not sell any part of the qurbani for yourself.

QURBANI FOR OTHERS

You may give a nafl qurbani for a parent who has passed away, or for the Prophet ﷺ. Your own wajib qurbani comes first.

MISSED IT?

If the days pass and a wajib qurbani was not done, give the value of a goat in charity.

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