

# QAZA & FIDYA & KAFFARA FOR NOT FASTING IN RAMADHAN

REASON FOR NOT FASTING	QAZA?	FIDYA?	KAFFARA?
Old age (elderly person)	✘	✓	✘
Temporary illness (e.g., fever, infection, etc.)	✓ (within a year)	+ ✓ (if after a year)	✘
Long-term illness (e.g., diabetics, etc.)	✘	✓	✘
Pregnancy	✓	✓	✘
Nursing a child	✓	✓	✘
Traveling beyond <i>hadd-e tarakkhus</i> *			
(starting <b>before</b> zuhr from hometown)	✓	✘	✘
(starting <b>after</b> zuhr from hometown)	fast normally	n/a	n/a
(staying at destination <b>less</b> than 10 days)	✓	✘	✘
(staying at destination <b>10 or more</b> days)	fast normally	n/a	n/a
(“frequent traveler”)	fast normally	n/a	n/a
Negligence	✓	✘	✓

**Fidya** (compensation): 750 gr. of rice or flour **per day** to be given to the poor and needy. It is recommended to make it double, i.e., 1.5 kg. For the *whole month*, it will be 22.5 kg at the basic rate and the recommended rate would be 45 kg.

**Kaffarah** (fine): 750 gr. of rice or flour to be given to **60** poor and needy **per day**. That it makes it 45 kg *per day*.

Note: Fidya and kaffarah has to be paid to the poor and needy in kind, not cash.

\* “Hadd-e tarakkhus” means the distance from which a person is considered a traveler: 44 km one way or 22 km both ways. (Toronto & its suburbs are a single mega city whose city boundary in the east is Ajax/Pickering, in the west Mississauga/Milton, in the south Lake Ontario and in the north Richmond Hill/Aurora.)