

1. ABOUT DARUL ULOOM

Established 52 years ago, Darul Uloom Darul Yatama stands as a prominent institution in the realms of Islamic and secular education. Notably, it holds the distinction of being the sole Islamic institute officially recognized and registered by the government for higher education. Operating under the auspices of the esteemed "Islamia Tablighi Jamat" management, the institute has become a beacon of educational excellence in Fiji and the broader South Pacific region. Specializing in providing education to orphans and socially underprivileged boys, Darul Uloom focuses on equipping its students with the tools needed to thrive in a multicultural society. Offering comprehensive boarding and lodging facilities, the institution ensures a conducive environment for learning. Qualified scholars on campus impart Islamic education, which is compulsory for all students. The institution's success hinges on the dedication of its board members, the commitment of its staff, the generosity of donors, and the support of well-wishers. Darul Uloom Darul Yatama thus stands as a testament to the transformative power of education in fostering the growth and development of individuals in need.

2. RAMADAN

Ramadan, a sacred month in the Islamic calendar, holds profound significance as a time for spiritual reflection, family bonding, and community unity for Muslims. It serves as a period of heightened dedication and discipline, with fasting being a central practice. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasized the protective nature of fasting, urging believers to avoid sinful behavior and maintain a sense of dignity even in the face of provocation. Beyond abstaining from food and drink, Ramadan encourages increased engagement in acts of worship such as prayer, dhikr (remembrance of Allah), recitation of the Qur'an, charity, and seeking forgiveness from Allah (SWT). By actively participating in these virtuous acts, Muslims draw nearer to their Creator and accumulate spiritual rewards during this blessed month. As the community embarks on the journey of Ramadan, may Allah (SWT) grant everyone good health and the guidance to observe the fast with sincerity. The management board, staff, and students extend heartfelt wishes to all brothers and sisters for a fruitful and rewarding month of Ramadan-ul-Mubarak and a joyous Eid-ul-Fitr.

3. STUDENTS

The commencement of the academic year 2024 marked a promising start with a total enrolment of 70 boarding students and 30 non-boarding students. Notably, the student body includes individuals from diverse

backgrounds, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering a multicultural learning environment. The inclusivity extends beyond national borders, as the student population proudly encompasses individuals from Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. This cultural diversity not only enriches the academic experience but also promotes a global perspective among the students. As the academic year unfolds, the institution looks forward to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment for all students, fostering both academic excellence and cross-cultural understanding. **For new admissions, please contact the Principal Maulana Khalid Hussain on 993 4579.**

4. GRADUATES

Alhamdulillah, our two graduates of 2023 are serving at the following centers respectively.

- ❖ Hafiz/Maulana Abdullah Akanda - Rifle Range Mosque, Lautoka.
- ❖ Hafiz/Maulana Mohammed Zabid - Toorak Jame Mosque, Suva.

5. STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Students at our institution participate in various Islamic and community-based activities as listed below:

A. ATTACHMENT – TARAWEEH PRAYERS

On the request from the management committee of interested masjids and markaz, students from Hifz-ul-Quran and Al-Alimiyah faculties are sent to the centers to lead Taraweeh prayers. This helps the students to upgrade their Islamic knowledge and socialize with the community. The students' attachments are closely monitored by our pedagogical staff.

B. DAWAH ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in Dawah work during weekends, term and year breaks. The graduating students spend four months or one year in Jamat.

C. DAWAT & RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS

Students attend Dawats, religious gatherings, Janaza etc. whenever the need arises. -Conditions apply.

D. NAMAAS / BAYAN

The students are trained to lead Juma / Eid / Janaza Salaahs and give lectures (Bayan) at our Masjid and various other local Islamic centers and in religious gatherings when and where requested.

E. QURAN TILAWAT COMPETITION /ORATORY CONTEST / ISLAMIC QUIZ

Primary and Secondary students actively take part in the competitions and represent their schools and many a times they have won prestigious prizes.

F. SPORTS

Sports is organized daily in the afternoons and also during weekends. It is pleasing to note that a good number of our students represent Drasa Muslim Sports Association and also their respective schools at district level.

6. STAFF ACTIVITIES & CONTRIBUTION

Our Ulama –E-Kiraam are always ready and happy to clarify the concepts of Islam. Please feel free to contact them for any queries.

They facilitate through

Radio Programmes are aired after every Juma Namaaz and during sehri in the month of Ramadan.

Dars-E-Quran are conducted at various centres on alternative days.

Guest Speakers - our Ulama –E-Kiraam are invited as guest speakers at religious and social functions in Fiji and abroad.

Natural Disasters – the staff with generous support from the board members and community at large are ready to help and assist the victims whenever the need arises. We support them with groceries, clothings, building materials and finance as well. It is only possible through the generous donations and support from the general public, business and charitable organizations.

7. DARUL ULOOM VOCATIONAL CENTRE

The completion and official opening of the Darul Uloom Vocational Centre represent a significant milestone, underscored by the remarkable support from the entire Muslim community, both local and global. This project, now a cornerstone in our community's educational and vocational landscape, embodies the collective dedication and commitment of numerous individuals who joined forces to turn it into reality. The generosity and unity of Muslims from various locations have contributed to the establishment of a center for knowledge and empowerment, poised to benefit future generations. This achievement highlights the strength of our community when driven by a shared vision of progress and a commitment to knowledge. At this juncture, we humbly appeal for continued support and donations to facilitate the provision of course equipment and cover other relevant expenses, ensuring the sustained success of this valuable initiative.

8. DARUL IFTA

Mufti Shaizad Ali Saheb is fully in charge and can be contacted for the Islamic affairs, rulings and clarifications. Educational textbooks are available for references.

9. BRANCHES

The following Masjids are serving under Islamia Tablighi Jamat banner:

- **Masjid Al-Aqsa** – Chandmari St, Rifle Range, Lautoka.
- **Masjid-UI-Abrar** - Saru Back Road, Lautoka.

10. FROM MUFTI'S DESK

QUESTION: What is the Shariah law for intentionally breaking ones fast?

ANSWER: In principle, if a Baligh (mature) person intentionally breaks a fast in Ramadhan after starting it, then Qadha and Kaffarah becomes binding on him. Therefore, if you had made intention to fast and then broke the fast after starting it, Qadha and Kaffarah will be binding on you. However, there is leeway to keep one Kaffarah (60 consecutive fasts) for all the past Ramadhan fasts that one broke. There is no Fidyah for delaying the Qadha fasts in the Hanafi Madhab. Fidyah is only for a person who is permanently unable to fast.

QUESTION: Due to my mother's illness, she cannot fast. Is there any way for her to repay for her fast?

ANSWER: If your mother is experiencing such an illness that she is unable to fast, due to her deteriorating health, then she will be excused from fasting. If she is expected to recover from her illness, then she has to make up (Qadha of) these missed fasts. However, if the sickness is permanent and there is no hope of recovery then she must offer fidya (monetary compensation) for every missed fast. The value of this Fidyah is the same as Sadaqatul fitr.

QUESTION: From the annual calculations of zakah, do we need to deduct the following amount as deductible liabilities from my assets in order to find the net value on which zakah (2.5%) will be applicable? The liabilities as follows: Car Lease Payment (next 12 months), Apartment Rent Charges (12 months), Children School Fee (12 months), Tax Payable to Govt. (Annual), Utilities Bills (12 Months), Other Liabilities (Purchasing food commodities for oneself and his family - next 12 months).

ANSWER: After completing one year on the nisab of zakah it is mandatory to pay 2.5% zakah after calculating all the zakatable items. At the time of completing the year the amount shall not be deducted for future needs. Hence amount equal to the car lease, rent of flat, school fees of

children, bills related to other facilities and the eatables for oneself and for family shall not be deducted from the zakah calculation. However, as much amount has been spent in the need before completing the year or the debt which is due whether it is in form of due school fees or the amount of food materials bought on credit or due bills they will be deducted from the zakah amount.

- ❖ **SADAQATUL-FITR** (Fitrana) - \$7.00 FJD.
- ❖ **NISAB (2023)** - \$ 1,012.00 FJD
- ✓ **Contact Mufti Shaizad Ali - 9929989**

11. THANKS & APPRECIATION

On behalf of the stakeholders, staff and students of the institution, I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone, private and business firms, religious organizations and well-wishers for their tremendous support, donations and assistance rendered towards the Madrasa. We hope to receive your continuous support in the future. In sha Allah.

May Allah (SWT) shower his choicest blessings upon you and your families and grant you the richest of this world and in the hereafter. Ameen.

For your donation please send Bank Draft or T.T to **ANZ Bank**, Lautoka Branch.

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