



The Commencement of The Holy Month of Ramadan 1446H – 2025

Following extensive consultations with the Imams from the **Australian Fatwa Council**, the **Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad** wishes to make the following statement regarding the **Holy Month of Ramadan 1446H - 2025** for all the Australian states and territories:

Firstly, in **Sydney**, the sun will set on Friday, 28th February, at 7:32 PM (AEST), while the new moon for the Month of Ramadan will set at 7:44 PM on the same night. This means the new moon will be visible for **12 minutes** after sunset before disappearing from the horizon.

In **Perth**, the sun will set on Friday, 28th February, at 6:52 PM (AWST), while the new moon for the Month of Ramadan will set at 7:08 PM. This means the new moon will be visible for **16 minutes** after sunset before disappearing from the horizon.

This allows sufficient time to sight the new moon for **the Month of Ramadan 1446H. Therefore:**

**The Holy Month of Ramadan for this year 1446H- 2025 will commence on
Saturday, 1st of March 2025**

**The first night of the Holy Month of Ramadan and Taraweeh Prayer will be on
Friday, 28th February 2025 after Sunset (After Isha)**

Secondly: The method by which the Grand Mufti of Australia and the Australian Fatwa Council had determined the commencement of the month of Ramadan is based on the **calculated birth of the moon** before sunset, the **duration of the moonset after sunset** and the **possibility of sighting the moon**. This is a method that many prominent and reputable global scholars, councils and Muslim countries have adopted.

The Australian National Imams Council and the Australian Fatwa Council **acknowledge, understand** and **respect** the Imams and scholars who may **hold different opinions**, and request all Muslims to **respect** the **different opinions** on this matter and work towards the **unity of the Muslim community** in preserving the common values and interests that they all have and share.

Finally: The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamad and the Australian National Imams Council call upon all Muslims to **preserve their fasting** whilst supplicating to Allah to protect our countries, spread peace, blessings and security around the world, and alleviate the suffering and hardships of all people and Muslims are facing, in particular our brothers and sisters in **Gaza – Palestine**.

May Allah bless this Holy Month for you, your family, the Australian Muslim community and the entire Muslim world and may your worship and fasting be accepted this year. AMEEN

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