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Question: As to the matter of Huqúq, does it mean 1/19th of one's net income or one's gross income? For example, in America, there is a tax on the gross income, after certain exemptions are made. How is the Huqúq to be worked out?

Answer: The substance of Abdu'l-Bahá's explanation was: *After one has paid all his necessary expenses 19% of what is left is then taken by him and given as Huqúq. For example, if a person has 100 piastres left after all his expenses have been paid, then 19 piastres are taken as Huqúq for the Cause of God. This is done at the end of the year after he has ascertained what his expenses are. For every hundred piastres, 19 are taken for Huqúq.*

'Abdu'l-Bahá: *Huqúqu'lláh*, p.514, Compilation, No 78 p.25 (UK edition)

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Calculation

One Huqúq Unit = 2.224563 troy oz of gold. The value of gold on October 4, 2001 was £196.50 per oz., so one Huqúq Unit was equal to £437.12

Once a believer's non-exempt assets reach or exceed one Huqúqu'lláh Unit, Huqúqu'lláh is payable at 19% of each Unit. 19% of £437.12 is £83.05

The current value of gold can be found at <http://www.goldline.co.uk/>. It is also published in many newspapers.

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