

**Question:**

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AsSalaamu Alaykum,

The college i am attending charge the students \$100 for late fees payment. Is this considered as RIBAA? Or it is just as they say "Late fee charge"? Please sheikh Omar answer this question before tomorrow otherwise i have to pay this fee and i am not sure if it s ribba or not.



**Answer:**

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Assalamu Aleikum,

If the fee is related to a loan or a grant it is considered to be Ribaa but if the fee is related to late payment it is considered to be a penalty or fine. To pay a penalty or fine is undesirable but it is permissible (Mubaah) to pay or not to pay.

May Allah (swt) help you.

**Sheikh Omar**