



The Education-Related Travels of a College Student Bound by a Bursary Agreement - 2 /Sep/ 2019

Q. I am a college student, and my college tuition is paid for on account of a bursary agreement, i.e. my employer pays for my study. Every week I travel to the university Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings and return home Wednesday afternoons. How do these weekly travels affect my canonic prayers and my fasting?

A. As you are considered occupationally employed by the institution providing the bursary upon the commencement of your studies, your travels are occupational and as such you must perform the four-segment canonic prayers in full, whether en route or while at the university, and your fasting is valid, unless your travels are interrupted by a ten-day hiatus during which time you refrain from traveling, in which case your first travel after the hiatus curtails your four-segment prayers and vitiates fasting, but as of the second travel thereafter your four-segment prayers are restored to their full length and the validity of fasting is reinstated, provided that the travel is occupational.