



## Gelatin - 7 /Jan/ 2020

**Q:** Is it allowed to eat food, e.g. some candies, in which animal gelatin is used?

**A:** Gelatin's being *ḥalāl* or *ḥarām* depends on the materials from which it is obtained. Vegetable gelatin is *ḥalāl*. Regarding the gelatin which is obtained from the bone of a religiously edible animal (like a cow) which has not been ritually slaughtered, then if the external surface of the bone is purified before changing it into gelatin, it is pure and *ḥalāl*. But the gelatin produced from the skin of such an animal or that is made from the parts of a religiously non-edible animal is *najīs* and *ḥarām*. However, if there are two - *ḥalāl* and *ḥarām* - types of gelatin and you do not know the one you are going to eat belongs to which group, it is ruled to be *ḥalāl*.