124206 - Does breathing artificial oxygen break the fast?

the question

Some patients who have difficulty breathing need to breathe artificial oxygen whilst fasting. Does this have any effect on the fast?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The oxygen that is given to some patients does not invalidate the fast, because nothing else is added to this oxygen, so it comes under the same ruling as breathing natural air.

Hence in a statement of the Islamic Fiqh Council it says:

The following things are not regarded as things that break the fast: … oxygen. End quote.

See: Majallat Majma’ al-Fiqh al-Islami (10/2/96, 454), Muftiraat al-Siyaam al-Mu’aasir, by Dr. Ahmad Khaleel, p. 50.