

The Nikkah Handbook



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Congratulations on your upcoming Nikkah!

We've prepared this guide to help you plan and have a smooth wedding day.

5 Things you need to secure for your Nikkah:

- Secure your spouse
- Secure a date
- Secure a venue
- Secure an Imam
- Secure your marriage licence

Premarital Course

Get off on the right foot and enroll in our premarital course with an Imam or Marriage Counselor. Couples are encouraged to watch the course and set up a one-on-one session with an Imam or Marriage Counselor.

This course teaches couples the Islamic roles and responsibilities of each spouse as well as what to expect in the first couple of years of marriage. Also discussed are common issues such as living arrangements, in-laws, finances, plans for future children, and more.

Securing an Imam

We encourage you to book your Imam as soon as you have the date and venue confirmed.

Fill out the form on our website and an agent will get back to you within 24 to 48 hours confirming the Imam's availability.

Once the availability is confirmed, you'll pay the booking fee to secure your date.

Secure Marriage Licence

If you wish to have your marriage legally registered you need to obtain a marriage licence from your local municipal office.

Marriage licence are only valid for 90 days from the date it was issued, so ensure your marriage takes places within that time.

The Imam will sign and send a completed marriage licence to the ministry to register the marriage.

You can order a marriage certificate about **6-8 weeks** after this happens.

5 Conditions of a Nikkah

Contract:

1. Consent of Bride & Groom
2. Wali for the Bride (Guardian)
3. Two Witnesses
4. Mahr (Dowry)
5. Offer & Acceptance

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Contract:

1. Consent of Bride & Groom

Both the bride and the groom must be wanting to get married out of their own free will without any force from family members or anyone else.

2. Wali for the Bride (Guardian)

A Muslim, adult, male relative of the bride who can advise her and look out for her best interest.

- Father, grandfather, brother, or uncle.
- If a woman does not have any relatives, an Imam, scholar or community leader can be her wali.

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3. Two Witnesses

The marriage of two Muslims cannot be done except in the presence of two adult, sane, free Muslim witnesses:

- Two men **or**
- A man and two women

4. Mahr (Dowry)

The Mahr is the right of the bride which is paid by the groom. It can take the form of money, property or possessions. There is no set amount, although moderation is recommended, and the gift is agreed between the bride and the groom.

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5. Offer & Acceptance

The Wali will offer the bride in marriage to the groom in the presence of the two witnessess while having all other conditions of the Nikkah contract met. This is known as the “Ijaab” or offer.

The groom will accept this offer by saying “I accept”. This is known as “Qabool” or acceptance.

Day of the Nikkah

On the day of your Nikkah, be punctual and arrive on time. Imams are sometimes booked for multiple Nikkahs in a day so please be respectful of their time.

The Imam will have gone through with you the procedure of events and ensure the conditions of the Nikkah are met.

Bring your marriage licence with you for the Imam to sign. Afterwards he will submit it to the ministry for it to be legally registered.

The Nikkah Process

The Nikkah is a simple ceremony in which a man and woman declare their verbal commitment to each other as husband and wife. It is a contract regarded as an act of worship.

1. The Imam will call upon the two witnesses to be present for the offer and acceptance of marriage.
2. The Wali (Bride's Guardian) will offer the bride in marriage to the groom. (Ijaab)
3. The groom will accept the offer. (Qabool)
4. With this the Nikkah is complete and the Imam will conclude with the marriage sermon.

Dua

We pray for you as the Prophet Muhammad (S) prayed for newly weds:

بَارَكَ اللهُ لَكَ، وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْكَ، وَجَمَعَ بَيْنَكُمَا فِي خَيْرٍ

*May Allah bless you, and shower His blessings upon you,
and join you together in goodness.*



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