

Islamic Marriage (Nikah) guidance document

- ✓ The form must be returned at least **2 weeks** before the day of the nikah.
- ✓ Proof of ID in the form of original passports of the bride, groom must be produced for examination with the completed nikah application form. We also require proof of current address for bride, groom. We will retain a copy of all documents for our records.
- ✓ No nikah will be performed where the party is under 18 years of age.
- ✓ A nikah application form signed by both parties of the marriage must be completed giving all information/documents requested.
- ✓ If either party is a widow/widower, evidence in the form of a death certificate must be produced together with the nikah application form.
- ✓ If either party are divorced, a civil divorced certificate (Decree Absolute of Divorce) must be produced together with the nikah application form.
- ✓ If one or both parties to the marriage are non-British passport holders or do not have indefinite leave to remain in the UK then the nikah can only be performed on productions of a civil marriage certificate or a letter of appointment for a civil marriage from the registrar's office.
- ✓ If one or both marriage partners are converts to Islam, a letter/certificate is required from the person who conducted their Shahadah, confirming their acceptance of Islam.
- ✓ The management's approval is required before any nikah takes place, and their decision is final.
- ✓ The management reserves the right to refuse to allow any nikah to take place if it has reasonable cause to suspect the bona fides of the parties to the marriage or believe that false information has been provided on the application form and/or false documents have been provided with the application.
- ✓ Fees: The full fees must be paid with the submission of this form, **a minimum of 5 days cancellation notice is required otherwise the fee is non-refundable.**

FEES

Fees are paid directly to The Iqra Centre, no further payments are required directly to the Imam.

Info	Items included	Fees
Standard	Marriage ceremony at The Iqra Centre, 2 standard marriage certificates printed in (English), Bayaan/du'a by Imam	£200
Rooms	Basement room for up to 50 guests, separate entrance, ceremony can be watched in basement via stream from main hall, use of kitchen facilities	£100
Misc.	Additional personalised luxury marriage certificate	£50

- ✓ The Groom, the Bride's Wali & the two Muslim Male Witnesses should attend the ceremony in person, if this is not possible then any issues should be discussed while submitting the application.
- ✓ The Iqra Masjid is not registered to solemnise marriages in accordance with English law.
 - A Nikah which is performed in the UK is not considered a valid marriage under English law and as such provides no enforceable legal marital rights. This is important to note particularly in instances of marriage breakdown or death. For this reason, we encourage all our community to ensure a civil marriage is conducted in a register office in accordance with English law to preserve the enforceable rights of both parties.

FAQ's

1. How do I book a Nikah Ceremony at The Iqra Centre?

- Please follow the above instructions, such as completing the form etc.
- Once all documents received and verified, we will issue a confirmation of the booking, followed by instructions on how to proceed with the payment.
- Payment should be made upon submission of this registration form.

2. What is the Structure of the day?

- All attendees are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes before the start of the Nikah ceremony.
- The Nikah ceremony usually takes between 30-40 minutes.
- The ceremonies are usually conducted in English.
- Once the ceremony has concluded, the Nikah certificate will be signed by the Groom, Imam & witnesses, and will be provided with 2 original copies.

3. Who will conduct the ceremony?

- The Nikah ceremony will be conducted by an Imam appointed and authorised by The Iqra Centre. All our scholars follow the Hanafi Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama'ah practices.
- In exceptional circumstance where you wish to bring in your own Imam to conduct the ceremony, this needs to be authorised by the Masjid, so please do not book the Imam until you have been cleared to do this.

4. Can we use the Car Park?

- Free parking for up to 40 cars including 3 disabled parking bays are available in the Mosque car park (on a first come, first served basis).
- The Masjid is located nearby a residential area; therefore, please **do not** park illegally on double yellow lines or by blocking driveways.

5. Masjid etiquette

- Everyone attending the ceremony are kindly requested to observe the Islamic dress code in line with the Islamic values inside the mosque building.
- Please respect the sanctity of the Masjid before and after nikah by avoiding talking and making unnecessary noise in the prayer hall.
- Please kindly follow notices and cleanliness guidelines especially in the shoe area, wudhu area and the prayer hall.
- Any photographers and/or filming of the ceremony must be approved by the Masjid before commencing.

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