



Nikah Booking Form

Please ensure all details and spellings are correct, as these will be copied onto the Nikah Certificate

Venue Details:

Address			
Post Code			
County			
Date	Precise Nikah Time		
Mobile Contact Number			

Bride's & Groom's Details:

Details	Groom		Bride	
Full Name				
Address				
Post Code				
Date of Birth				
Occupation				
Place of Birth (City & Country)				
Current Status	Single	Married	Single	Married
	Divorced	Widower	Divorced	Widow
Father's Name				

Documentation

Original Documents Required	Other Original Applicable Documents
Proof of address for the Bride (Bank Statement/Utility Bill)	If married under UK law (Civil Marriage Certificate)
Proof of address for the Groom (Bank Statement/Utility Bill)	If previously married (Divorce Decree Absolute / Islamic Talaq Certificate)
Photo ID for Bride (Passport/Driving License)	If widowed - Death Certificate
Photo ID for Groom (Passport/Driving License)	If a new Muslim (Revert) (Conversion Certificate or Verbal Reaffirmation)

The Witnesses & Wali Must Be Present At The Nikah

Wali Bride's Father, Uncle or Grandfather	In Total: Two Male, Sane, Mature, Upright, Honest, Witnesses (Preferably Excluding Brothers & Fathers)
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Witness 1:	Witness 2:
Full Name	Full Name
Address	Address
Post Code	Post Code
Date of Birth	Date of Birth
Place of Birth (City & Country)	Place of Birth (City & Country)

Dowry/Fees

Mahr *	Immediate / Deferred
Preuptial Conditions – Please write overleaf	Preuptial Conditions – Please write overleaf
Service & Nikah Register Fees	£150

Declaration

Print Name	Signature	Date:
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Islamic Nikah Guidance

Marriage is the quintessence of a happy life, the foundations of a stable family and base of a successful society. The management and staff of the Ashton Central Mosque warmly welcome and congratulate prospective couples who wish to marry in accordance with the Islamic Law.

Imam Ghulam Moyhuddin and Imam Muhammad Zahid Sharif perform the Nikah ceremonies on behalf of the ACM. The format of the Nikah includes a reminder to both partners of their duties and responsibilities to each other and Allah ﷻ, followed by a short speech on the sanctity and essence of marriage, the Nikah ceremony itself, and concludes with a collective Du'a. The Nikah certificate is then given to the bride and groom and a master copy is retained for internal Mosque records. For any additions in the services please consult the Imam beforehand.

Nikah Requirements: The bride and groom must both be sane, mature (Sunni) Muslims, marrying on their own accord without any coercion or duress. If any force is established before the ceremony, then the Nikah will not be performed, and if any force is established after the ceremony, then the Nikah will be void. The Nikah may also take place between a Muslim man marrying a Christian woman, or Muslim man marrying a Jewish woman. However, it is necessary for the Jewish or Christian woman to believe in the oneness of Allah ﷻ as well follow their respective legislation (Book) and Prophet, otherwise the Nikah will not be valid or recognised.

Please Note: The Islamic Nikah is not recognised as a valid marriage under English law in the U.K, for further information please see the **Important Notes** at the end of the document.

The following provides a brief overview of the Nikah booking process:

1. Booking Form: This is provided on the website and in the Mosque atrium/office. The Nikah will not be booked until the completed form is returned and fee paid. We recommend that bookings are made at least two weeks prior to the planned date. To make a booking, either:

- a. Complete the Nikah Booking form and hand it in to the Imam or Trustee of the Mosque.
- b. Alternatively you may email the completed form to imam_gm@yahoo.co.uk

Please Note: The details provided in the booking form will appear exactly on the Nikah Certificate, therefore please exercise caution when filling in to avoid any mistakes.

2. Tameside Residency: Either the bride, groom or parents must be residents of Tameside in order for the Nikah to be booked and conducted. Alternatively please contact your local mosque. For exceptions to this rule, please contact the Imam or Trustees.

3. Islamic Prohibition: The bride, groom, or parents must ensure that the couple are Islamically permitted to marry one another. For further information please refer to the Qur'an, Chapter 4 verse 23.

4. Booking Fee: Details of the fees are set out in the Nikah booking form. A receipt will be provided for the payment and sent in the post. In order for the Nikah to be booked, the fees must be paid beforehand alongside the completed booking form.

5. Pre-Marriage Consultation: Whilst not compulsory, we encourage that both individuals meet with the appointed Imam at a mutually agreed time prior to the ceremony. The purpose of this meeting is for a general discussion with the Imam, which will include the Islamic obligations pertinent to marriage and cover the couple's personal circumstances and answer any questions. All such discussions will be carried out in complete confidentiality with the Imam.

6. Post-Marriage Counselling Session: After 3 months of the marriage, we recommend a counselling session to air and clarify any issues before they potentially become problematic.

Please Note: Both sessions are provided free of charge.

7. Documents: Please see the documents listed in the booking form. If these are not shown for verification, then the Nikah will not be booked. We advise these are brought to the first meeting, or otherwise on the agreed date of the Nikah ceremony.

8. Venue: The Nikah can be typically accommodated in a private room within the Mosque, should you require a larger room or hall then the community centre can be hired. For community centre costs please contact the Trustees. All persons attending the ceremony in the Masjid are required to observe the Islamic traditions of dressing and behaviour. The management and Imam reserve the right to refuse admission to anyone who does not comply with this requirement.

Please Note: Subject to availability, the Imam can also perform Nikah ceremonies at an alternative venue. However, the booking must avoid the congregational prayers and class times. For further information, please liaise with the Imam directly to avoid disappointment.

9. Important Notes:

The Ashton Central Mosque is not registered to solemnise marriages in accordance with English law. A Nikah which is performed in the U.K. 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 breakdowns or deaths. For this reason, we encourage all community members to ensure a civil marriage is conducted immediately before or after the Nikah ceremony to preserve the enforceable rights of both parties.

The Ashton Central Mosque will **NOT** conduct a Nikah which breaches the general requirements of marriage in English law: Under English Law you can get married if you are:

- 16 or over (you will need permission from your parents or guardians if you're under 16)
- Free to marry (single, divorced or widowed)
- Not closely related (i.e. siblings)

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The Mahr is a legal Shari'ah requirement to discharge. It is the right of the bride to receive & it is the responsibility of the groom to fulfil. The discharge of the Mahr must be done by the groom. The Shari'ah has placed clear guidelines on the Mahr which should be followed in accordance to the Qur'an & Prophetic Sunnah.

The Marriage Gift (Mahr) in Islam

The Mahr is a gift given to the woman at the point of marriage. The Mahr is a requirement of marriage based on the Qur'anic verse 4:4, "and give to the women their Mahr." The Qur'an orders that the Mahr be given to the bride since in pre-Islamic Arabia the money was usually taken by the guardian (Wali). There are also many Prophetic Ahadiths that confirm the importance of the Mahr.

The amount of the Mahr should not just be symbolic or measly, but rather reflect the woman's social and financial status, family background, expectations, and needs. The Mahr should be paid before the consummation of the marriage unless there is a legal agreement that defers the amount.

In terms of divorce (Talaq) the full Mahr is required to be paid to the woman. However, if a woman initiates the divorce (Khula), then the woman is obliged to return the Mahr to the man.

By giving a substantial Mahr, it provides a deterrent to the man to seriously reconsider Talaq as he will lose out both financially and from the marriage. Additionally, if a man divorces his wife before the consummation of the marriage then he is still required to pay half the Mahr based on the Qur'anic verse 2:237. As the verse explains, the woman may forgive the half that he is mandated or the man may pay the full amount in order to mend relations.

In the case that a man passes away before paying his Mahr, the amount must be subtracted from his wealth before his inheritance is distributed since the Mahr is considered a debt.

The preferred amount for dowry is 500 Dirhams, as this was the amount the Prophet PBUH gave to most of his wives. 500 Dirhams is approximately the equivalent of 1531g of silver. If a person decides to give the value of the silver, then he must use the current retail purchase price including VAT, to enable the wife to purchase the amount of silver if she wishes to do so, which currently equates to £900.

There is no legal minimum Mahr nor maximum Mahr, however one needs to be sensible and consider his own financial ability alongside the status of the bride and use the Sunnah as a general guideline.

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The management and Imams at the Ashton Central Mosque wish everyone the best. May Allah ﷻ place peace, love and mercy in your lives, Aameen.

JazaakAllahu Khayran

بَارِكْ اللهُ لِمَا بَارَكَ عَلَيْهَا بِنْتِ جَمْعِ هُمَا فِي خَيْرٍ