

ISLAMIC MARRIAGE (NIKAH) CEREMONY APPLICATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. There is a **£75** application fee collected upon submission of this form.
2. The applicant must either be the legal guardian of the bride (wali), the bridegroom or the bride.
3. IDs are also required, where acceptable form of ID includes UK photo driving license, passport or official government issued photo ID. It does NOT include NUS/Student card, Birth certificate or bills. Please bring the **original IDs** at the time of submitting the form. We will photocopy the IDs and return them to you the same day. Photocopies of the originals will NOT be accepted. The process requires ID of the bridegroom, the bride and the Wali.
4. The Legal Sharia guardian (Wali) must be in the following order of priority: The father, the paternal grandfather, the full brother, the bride's son, and so on. It is mandatory for all aforementioned to be adult male Muslims. In case of no legal Sharia guardian, the Imam of Lewisham Islamic Centre will assume the position of the Wali, after filling the application form of appointing the Imam of Lewisham Islamic Centre as the Wali.
5. If the bride or the bridegrooms are under the age of 25, LIC requires approval from the parents or guardians regardless of whether they are Muslim or not.
6. Only non-Muslim females from Christian or Jewish backgrounds may marry a Muslim man, however they must have approval from their male guardian (wali) and family.
7. It is prohibited for a Muslim man to marry his mothers, daughters, sisters, nieces, aunts, mother-in-law, father's or son's wives, step-daughter from the wife with whom consummation has taken place or his female siblings through breast feeding. It is also prohibited for a Muslim man to marry a non Muslim female other than those of the Abrahamic faiths for example (females of the Christian or Jewish faith may be married to Muslim males).
8. If the bride has been previously married, she is required to produce a proof of divorce from her previous husband. A document of proof could be a divorce certificate from a Muslim country, or an Islamic centre/organisation. In absence of such, a letter of divorce from her previous husband with two Muslim witnesses would suffice, in which case we must be provided with the contact details of the previous husband for our own verification. A new marriage ceremony can only be performed after three menstrual cycles since the date of divorce, which approximates to three months, during which no marital relations must have taken place.
9. The Imams at Lewisham Islamic Centre will process the application form by making the necessary enquiries. Upon application approval, the applicant will be contacted to arrange a ceremony appointment. In cases where the application fails, the applicant will be notified by the Imam.
10. Both the parties who want to hold their nikah ceremony at LIC are required to attend an interview and advice session at the LIC.

11. On the day of the ceremony the applicant will be required to come to Lewisham Islamic Centre for the pre-arranged appointment with all the parties mentioned in the application (i.e. the legal Sharia guardian (wali), the bridegroom, the bride and the two Muslim male witnesses).
12. A nikah certificate can be issued from LIC to those whom are UK residents, EU residents or have a valid UK settlement Visa.
13. Nikah application is accepted during administration hours (Mon – Thurs: 9:30 am – 6:30 pm and Friday: 2:30pm – 6:30pm). Applicants must allow up to two weeks before the nikah can take place in order for processing the application.
14. For help with filling this form contact **0208 690 5090** or info@lewishamislamiccentre.com
15. Please send the completed form to:
Imam's Office
Lewisham Islamic Centre
363-365 Lewisham High Street
London SE13 6NZ

Section A: To be filled in by the applicant: (Please fill in using BLOCK LETTERS)

1. Surname:

Forenames:

2. Address:

Town: County:

Post Code: Country:

Phone: 3. Gender: Male Female

Email:

4. Answer the following if you are **not** the legal gurdian (wali) of the bride, otherwise, go to question 5.

Date of birth: __ / __ / 19__ Nationality: Proof of ID:

5. If you are the legal Shariah gurdian (wali), please state

your relationship with her (see note3): 6. Religion:

If the applicant is the bride, please also answer questions 1, 4 and 5 in Section D.

Section B: The Sharia Guardian (wali):

Only fill in the following section if the legal guardian of the bride is other than the applicant

Note: The legal guardian of a Muslim bride must be an adult male Muslim.

1. Surname:

Forenames:

Son of:

2. Address:

Town: County:

Post Code: Country:

Phone:

Email:

3. Date of birth: __ / __ / 19 __ Nationality: Proof of ID:
 4. Please state relationship with the bride: 5. Religion:

Section C: The bridegroom:

Note the bridegroom must be a Muslim - Only fill in the following if the bridegroom is other than the applicant:

1. Surname:
 Forenames:
 2. Address:
 Town: County:
 Post Code: Country:
 Phone:
 Email:

3. Date of birth: __ / __ / ____ Nationality: Proof of ID:
 4. If in any way related to the bride, please state the type of relationship (cousin, etc, see note 4):

Section D: The bride:

Only answer questions 1, 4 and 5 if the bride is the applicant:

1. Religion: Muslim Christian Jewish
 2. Surname:
 Forenames:
 3. Address:
 Town: County:
 Post Code: Country:
 Phone:
 Email:

4. Date of birth: __ / __ / ____ Nationality: Proof of ID:

5. Previously married? Yes No - if yes please state the date of divorce: __ / __ / __ and affix a copy of proof, see note 2

6. Dowry agreed: to be settled on wedding day later

Section E: The witnesses:

Note both witnesses must be adult male Muslims:

1. First Witness

Surname:
 Forenames:
 Address:
 Town: County:

