

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful
DIRECTIONS FOR NIKAH (MARRIAGE) FORM
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF RISHTANATA
AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT CANADA

Please read the following guidelines carefully before completing the Nikah (Marriage) Form.

Section: 1

1. Guardian (Waliyy) of the bride is her real father.
2. If the father is deceased, the following relatives can, in descending order, be the Guardian (Waliyy) of the bride: paternal grandfather, real brother, step-brother (from father side), paternal uncle or such other close relatives on the father's side.
3. If the Guardian (Waliyy) cannot attend the Nikah ceremony, he should appoint someone else to officiate as his representative (Wakeel). However, only the Guardian (Waliyy) can appoint his representative. A section has been assigned in the form for this purpose. The bridegroom can also appoint someone to officiate as his representative, if he cannot attend the ceremony. There is a section in the form for this purpose.
4. Any nikah where bride and groom both are not present and wedding/walima ceremonies do not take place immediately following such nikah, is termed as a proxy nikah by Canadian Immigration and they do not grant spousal immigration visa on that nikah. Therefore where sponsorship of a spouse is required, both bride and groom MUST be present where nikah is announced and such an announcement MUST be followed by Wedding/Walima ceremonies and their pictures/videos submitted with sponsorship application.
5. The bride must express her agreement to the Nikah and sign the form on page 2 in presence of the two witnesses who will also sign the Nikah form. Therefore the date of signatures of the bride and her two witnesses MUST be the same.
6. The Guardian (Waliyy) or Wakeel cannot sign as a witness. The required information about Witnesses must be completed in the designated area.

Section: 2

7. There is no minimum limit of Haq Mehar fixed by Jama'at. It has to be mutually decided by the two families. Hadhrat Musleh Mau'ud Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) had advised that the amount of Haq Mehar may be fixed between six months to one year net income of the Bridegroom.
8. In case there has been a Khula/divorce: At the time of 2nd Nikah of the bride, the groom or both, the legal divorce certificate of each, duly issued by a Canadian Court, must be attached with the Nikah forms. While attesting the nikah forms, the President should satisfy himself that the liabilities of either side as decided by the Qada have been paid in full. In addition to his signatures, the Local

Amir/President should use his seal. If any of the bride/bridegroom resides abroad, verification of the National Amir of respective country is also necessary. In addition to his signatures, seal of the National Amir should be affixed.

9. It is important that the contents of the Nikah form be fully understood along with the logic behind each such content.

10. Erasing the text, use of whitener or over-writings are not acceptable in the form. However, in exceptional cases, where there is not enough time to fill in a new forms, the cuttings/corrections must be attested by the same person whose original statement had been over written or corrected.

11. The spellings as entered in the Nikah Form for the bride/bridegroom must be the same as they appear on the Passport and Marriage License.

12. Signature date of Witnesses must be the same as of the person whose statement they are witnessing, otherwise, it renders the Nikah form invalid.

13. Four copies of Nikah form (all original) must be completed in clear and legible hand writing. Preferably only one ink (black) be used.

14. Nikah form must be completed and checked by the Local Secretary Rishta Nata or the President of the Jama'at and submitted to National Rishta Nata Office at least seven days prior to the date of the announcement of Nikah.

15. Nikah is a contract between two individuals and constitutes a Pre-Nuptial Agreement. The couple can also choose to enter into another Pre-Nuptial Agreement that can record all their agreed terms and conditions for the proposed marriage. Such agreements are drafted and executed by Lawyers.

Section: 3

16. a. Prior to announcement of any Nikah in Canada, Marriage License must be obtained from the city office. That original marriage license is taken to the Marriage Registrar for Marriage Registration. For members residing in GTA, this facility is available in Mission House. For appointments, please contact National Secretary Rishtanata at +1 416 953 3386. The bride and bridegroom have to be present at the time of marriage registration (along with two witnesses). After that registration, marriage certificate is issued by Service Ontario. A copy of the Record of Marriage Solemnization issued by the Marriage Registrar must be attached with the Nikah form for announcement of nikah.

b. Pre-marital Counselling has to be done before announcement of nikah in Canada. Such Counselling is done by Missionaries posted in the field. It is usually one hour session. Bride, groom and their parents attend that session. If any of the parents cannot attend that session, it would be an exception. Members may contact their respective Missionary for appointment. Any member can ask for such an appointment to the field missionaries who have offices in Mission House, if it is more convenient to them. A certificate of attendance of the Pre-Marital Counselling Session must be attached to the Nikah Form. Such certificates are issued by the Missionaries providing the Pre-marital Counselling.

c. If nikah is announced outside Canada, such Civil Marriages must be done/registered in accordance laws of that country where nikah is announced except for Pakistan where nikahs are registered with Nazir Sahib Islah o Irshad (Rishtanata) Rabwah.

d. In case the Nikah is to be announced in Rabwah/Pakistan, prior permission must be obtained from Nazir Sahib Islah-o-Irshad (Rishta Nata)Rabwah and the Guardian of the bride and witnesses to her consent should present themselves in Nazir Sahib's office for seeking that permission.

e. If Nikah is to be registered with Nazir Sahib Islah-o-Irshad (Rishta Nata)Rabwah , it MUST be got registered within one month of the announcement of the nikah. In case of announcement of nikah in Canada, it be got registered in National Markaz (Mission House) within one month of announcement of the nikah. For that, four original completed nikah forms, a copy of Record of Solemnization of Marriage issued by the Marriage Registrar and a copy of the Pre-marital Counselling Certificate issued by the Missionary who had conducted the Counselling attached with those forms, be sent to Markaz (Mission House)**along with self-addressed, reply paid Canada Post or a Courier envelope**. Markaz will retain two copies and shall return two copies, one for the bride and one for the groom, in that self-addressed reply paid envelope.

f. Time gap between date of first entry in nikah forms, whether by Waliyy of the bride or by the bridegroom and the date of the last entry (at the time of announcement of nikah) MUST not be more than 3 months otherwise it renders the nikah form (it constitutes a contract agreement) invalid.

17. The date and location of the Nikah announcement, as well as the person announcing the Nikah, must be approved by Sadr Jama'at or Local Amir in advance. In case nikah is announced at Baitul Islam Mosque, such an approval be obtained in advance from Respected Amir Jama'at Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE AHMADIYYA JAMA'AT ARE REQUIRED TO AVOID AND HELP AVOID THE FOLLOWING NON- ISLAMIC AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES

1. The believers shun all that is vain. (The Holy Qur'an 23:4)

2. "(Blessed are) those, when they spend, are not extravagant". (The Holy Qur'an 25:68)

3. He (The Holy Prophet sa) removes from them their burden and the shackles that were upon them. (The Holy Qur'an 7:158)

4. (He will stop being a slave to mere custom, greed and.....). That he shall refrain from following un-Islamic customs and lustful inclinations. (Extract from the Covenant of 'Bait' 6th condition)

5. The purpose of Tahrik Jadid and its requirement was nothing more than that the Jama'at should learn to spend according to its means and thus save itself from disaster with a view to gradually eliminate the disparity that exists between the rich and the poor. (Regulations of TahrikJadid P 174)

6. It is obligatory on the part of Ahmadi Families to eradicate evil customs and throw out root and branch. (Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III rh)

7. Any demand from the bride's relations, for ornaments and apparel is shameful. ("Nikah Sermon Hazrat Musleh Mauoodd ra")

8. 'Mahndi' and other related things, as practiced today, are to my mind, 'un-Islamic'. (Hazrat Musleh Mauoodd ra")

9. Any desire or demand for dowry on the part of the bride's in-laws is 'un-Islamic'. (Speech Hazrat Musleh Mauoodd ra" Misbah 15 may 1930)

10. To invite people to 'Walima' is in accordance with the Holy Prophet sa's practice, but there should be no wastage or overspending. The bridegroom should invite and feed some friends. (Alhakam Vol 6. Jul 10 1902-Promised Messiah as)

11. It is enough to limit the number of invitees from 10 to 15. (Hazrat Musleh Mauoodd ra")

12. The 'Walima' party should be given after the consummation of the marriage. (Hazrat Musleh Mauoodd ra")

13. 'Non-Mehram ladies should observe 'parda' in the presence of bridegroom and should not indulge in badinage. (Nikah Sermon Hazrat Musleh Mauoodd ra" 11 Nov 1920)

14. Photographs of the couple, i.e. the bride and bridegroom, should not be taken in company with the 'non-mehram' ladies.

15. On the occasion of such parties, it should be arranged so that ladies serve ladies, and avoid the violation of 'parda'.

16. It is a sin to attend parties uninvited. Similarly, to take uninvited children to parties is also a sin. According to the Holy Prophet as such guests are thieves and robbers. (A Tradition of the Holy Prophet saws)

17. Both parties to marriage should confirm in advance with their Banquet Hall managements that if during the Rukhsati or Walima function timings, any prayer time occurs, then the management will earmark a space in the Hall and shall provide cloth sheets, in sufficient quantity, for offering that prayer in congregation.

18. If video filming of the Rukhsati or Walima functions is arranged, preferably a female videographer should do the recording in ladies section. In any such case, before start of the video filming, some lady should loudly announce that all non-mehram ladies may take care of their 'purdah'.

In short, as far as possible, let all men and all women try to avoid unnecessary expenditure and pointless customs and rites.

May Allah be with you all, Ameen!



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NIKAH (MARRIAGE) FORM

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF RISHTA NATA

Nikah Form No: _____

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM.

I) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GUARDIAN (WALIYY) OF THE BRIDE:

Marriage of Miss _____ D/o _____

Date of birth DD/MM/YYYY _____ Address _____

is proposed with Mr. _____ S/o _____

Date of birth DD/MM/YYYY _____ Address _____

with a dower money/(Mahr) of _____ Agreement of the bride has duly been obtained.

She is: Never Married. Widowed, and her waiting period has passed. Divorced, and her waiting period has passed.

I affirm that I am the legal Guardian(Waliyy) of the proposed bride and am related to her as _____

It is requested that the Nikah announcement may be made.

Of the total proposed dower money/(Mahr) _____ have been received in the form of cash/jewellery, details of which are as follows:

Name of Guardian/(Waliyy) _____ S/o _____

Complete Address _____

Signature _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY _____

In case there has been a Talaq or divorce (separation by husband) or a Khulaf (separation by wife) documents of separation must be attached with the Nikah Form.

II) TO BE COMPLETED IF THE GUARDIAN (WALIYY) CANNOT PERSONALLY ATTEND THE NIKAH CEREMONY:

Since I cannot attend the Nikah ceremony in person I hereby appoint the following to execute the instrument of Nikah on my behalf as my Representative (Wakil):

Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature of the Guardian/(Waliyy) _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY _____

WITNESS I Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY _____

WITNESS II Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY _____

I hereby agree to act as Representative (Wakil) of Mr. _____

S/o _____ on the occasion of the Nikah of

Miss _____ D/o _____

Signature of the Representative (Wakil) _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY _____

III) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BRIDE:

A. In accordance with the terms agreed upon by my Guardian (Waliyy) mentioned above, I hereby agree to my Nikah with

Mr. _____ Member Code: _____ S/o _____

with a dower money/(Mahr) of _____

B. Of the total proposed dower money/(Mahr) _____ have been received in the form of cash/jewellery.

C. This Nikah Form constitutes our Pre-Nuptial Agreement.

Signature of the Bride: _____ Date _____
DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESSES: We hereby testify that the above form has been duly filled in our presence, by the legal Guardian (Waliyy) of the bride and that she has expressed her agreement to this Nikah in our presence and has also **signed the form in our presence.**

WITNESS I Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____
DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESS II Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____
DD/MM/YYYY

IV) VERIFICATION BY PRESIDENT/AMIR OF THE JAMA'AT:**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

A. Miss _____ Member Code: _____ D/o _____

B. (1) is a born Ahmadi (2) has been Ahmadi for _____ years.

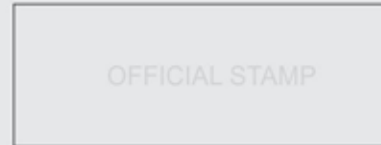
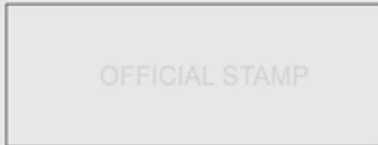
C. Mr. _____ S/o _____ is the bonafide Guardian (Waliyy) according to the Islamic Law.

D. The witnesses have testified in my presence that the proposed bride has signed this form of her own free will.

E. In case there has been a Talaq or Khulaf documents of separation are attached with the Nikah Form.

Signature of Local President _____

Signature of National Amir _____



Date _____
DD/MM/YYYY

Date _____
DD/MM/YYYY

V) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BRIDEGROOM:

I _____ Member Code: _____ S/o _____

Date of birth _____ Address _____
DD/MM/YYYY

solemnly affirm that I agree to my Nikah with Miss _____ D/o _____

With a dower money/(Mahr) of _____ of which:

(A) _____ have been paid to her in the form of cash/jewellery, details of which are as follows: _____

(B) Nothing has been paid yet and I will pay it.

(C)	This is my first Nikah	The former wife has passed away
	This is my second Nikah	I have divorced (Pronounced Talaq to) my former wife
	The first wife is with me	My former wife has obtained Khulaf

(D). This Nikah Form constitutes our Pre-Nuptial Agreement.

Signature of the Bridegroom _____ Date _____
DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESSES:

WITNESS I Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESS II Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

In case of second marriage the documents pertaining to the permission by the first wife / Talaq / Khulaf must be attached with the Nikah Form.

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VI) VERIFICATION BY PRESIDENT/AMIR OF THE JAMA'AT:

A. Mr. _____ Member Code: _____ S/o _____

B. (1) is a born Ahmadi (2) has been Ahmadi for _____ years.

C. This is his first marriage.

D. This is his second marriage. The first wife: (1) has granted permission to the second marriage (2) has passed away

(3) has been divorced (Talaq) (4) has obtained Khulaf

In case of second marriage the documents pertaining to the permission by first wife/Talaq/Khulaf are attached with the Nikah Form.

Signature of Local President _____

Signature of National Amir _____



Date _____

Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

VII) TO BE COMPLETED WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM CANNOT ATTEND THE NIKAH CEREMONY IN PERSON:

Since I cannot attend Nikah ceremony in person I hereby appoint the following to execute the instrument of marriage on my behalf as my Representative (Wakil):

Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature of the Bridegroom _____ Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESSES:

WITNESS I Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESS II Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

I hereby agree to act as Representative (Wakil) of Mr. _____

S/o _____ on the occasion of his Nikah.

Signature of the Representative (Wakil) _____ Date _____

DD/MM/YYYY

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VIII) CERTIFICATION BY CENTRAL/NATIONAL MARRIAGE DEPARTMENT:

- A. The witnesses have testified in my presence that the proposed bride has signed this form of her own free will.
- B. I have thoroughly examined the above form. It is complete and fully in accordance with the regulations.

Signature: Incharge Marriage Department _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY



Signature: Nazir Islah-o-Irshad _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY



IX) TO BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NIKAH:

Place of Nikah Announcement _____

Date of Nikah Announcement _____

Person performing Nikah:

Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY

X) WITNESSES OF NIKAH ANNOUNCEMENT:

WITNESS I Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY

WITNESS II Name _____ S/o _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY

Verification by National Department of Rishta Nata

Pre Marriage Counseling session has been attended by :

- Bride and her Parents/Guardian
- Bridegroom and his Parents/Guardian
- Certificate is attached

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This marriage has been Registered

on DD/MM/YYYY Registration Certificate No _____

Signature: _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY

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