

Islamic Center of Burlington

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PRE-NIKAH RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Only legal marriages can be performed at the Islamic Center of Burlington (ICB) in compliance with Massachusetts law.
- For a Nikah (marriage) ceremony to be performed at ICB, both the bride and groom must be Muslims and legal residents of the United States.
- All documentation requirements/registration procedure are to be followed by both the bride & the groom.
- If one or both individuals have been previously married, the applicable party (parties) hereby certify that all previous marriage(s) has/have been officially terminated through a divorce/annulment. You will also provide ICB a copy of the divorce/annulment certificate(s).
- A marriage license must be obtained from a Massachusetts town/city hall prior to the Nikah ceremony.
- A Nikah Certificate will be provided by ICB. The bride and groom must provide their legal names and the amount agreed upon for the Mahr for entry into this document.
- The Mahr (dowry) which is due to the bride must be agreed upon by both parties prior to the Nikah ceremony.
- **Proper religious and social etiquettes are always to be followed on ICB premises. Immodest clothing, music, photography, and video recordings are strictly prohibited. During the ceremony Nikah will take place in the front musallah area and sisters will remain in the back hall on sisters' side.**
- Only the Imam of ICB or an individual authorized by ICB can perform the Nikah ceremony.
- As required per religious guidelines, the bride shall be represented by a Wali (male guardian), usually the father. If the father is not present, a blood relative of the bride, such as a brother, will obtain permission from the father to represent the bride. If no blood relative is available, written consent must be obtained from the father or legal guardian prior to the Nikah ceremony.
- Two Muslim males who know the couple or at least who know the bride must be present as witnesses during the ceremony.
- A Wakeel / guardian for the bride, regardless of bride's age or prior marital status must be present at and during the marriage ceremony.
- **Cost:**
 - Free if the Nikah is performed at ICB.
 - \$150 if the Nikah is performed at a location other than ICB. Make a check payable to the Islamic Center of Burlington.
- Should you wish to donate, please deposit it in a donation box located on the premises or mail a check at the mailing address listed at the top of this document. May Allah reward you for your donation, ameen.
- By signing below, you agree to abide by all requirements listed above.

Groom Signature

Bride Signature

Groom Printed Name

Bride Printed Name

Groom Father Signature

Bride Father Signature

Groom Father Printed Name

Bride Father Printed Name

ICB Representative Signature

ICB Representative Name

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ICB MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

- Date & Time of Nikah: _____
- Venue: _____
- Copy of Marriage License obtained from a town hall in Massachusetts.
- **Groom:**
 - Name: _____
 - DOB: _____
 - Son of: _____
 - MAHR: _____
 - Will MAHR be paid at the time of Nikah? _____
 - Address: _____
 - Copy of ID (Driver's License, State ID, Passport or Green card)
- **Bride:**
 - Name: _____
 - DOB: _____
 - Daughter of: _____
 - Address: _____
 - Copy of ID (Driver's License, State ID, Passport or Green card)
- **Witness 1:**
 - Name: _____
 - DOB: _____
 - Address: _____
 - Copy of ID (Driver's License, State ID, Passport or Green card)
- **Witness 2:**
 - Name: _____
 - DOB: _____
 - Address: _____
 - Copy of ID (Driver's License, State ID, Passport or Green card)