

ISLAMIC MARRIAGE (NIKAH) CEREMONY APPLICATION FORM

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. There is a **£100** for in call and **£250** out call application fee collected upon submission of this form. **Out calls must be within Lewisham Borough.**
2. **Marriage Certificates are only issued when both the bride and bridegroom are; either in possession of full UK / EU residency permit or UK / EU citizens. (A Marriage Certificate can also be issued by LIC upon presentation of an Original Marriage Certificate issued by UK Register Office)**
3. The applicant must either be the legal guardian of the bride (wali), the bridegroom or the bride.
4. **Valid** IDs are also required: Acceptable forms of IDs include: UK photo driving license, passport or official government issued photo ID. Please **NOTE** that it does **NOT** include NUS/Student card, Birth certificate or utility 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 IDs of the Bridegroom, the Bride and the Wali.**
5. 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 that all of them are 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).
6. **If the Bride or the Bridegroom is under the age of 21, LIC requires approval from the parents or guardians regardless of whether they are Muslim or not.**
7. The Sharia permits non-Muslim females from Christian or Jewish backgrounds to marry a Muslim man, however they must have approval from their male guardian (Wali) and family.
8. 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 Christian or Jewish faith. For example (females of the Christian or Jewish faith may be married to Muslim males).
9. 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 this circumstance, 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.

10. Your application will be processed and the necessary enquiries will be made. Upon approval, the applicant will be contacted to arrange nikah appointment. In cases where the application is rejected, the applicant will be notified and informed of the reasons of rejection.
11. Both the Bride and Bridegroom may be required to attend an interview and advice session at LIC prior to the Nikah (Marriage Ceremony).
12. On the day of the ceremony, the applicant may be required to come to Lewisham Islamic Centre for the pre-arranged appointment with all the parties mentioned in the application (which include the legal Sharia guardian (wali), the Bridegroom, the Bride and the two Muslim male Witnesses).
13. **The applicant must arrive 15 minutes earlier with all the parties mentioned in the application form.**
14. Nikah application is accepted during administration hours (Mon, Tue, Thurs and Sat from 10am-7pm). Applicants must allow up to **2 weeks** before the Nikah ceremony can take place due to processing of the application form. **To avoid disappointments, please ensure that you submit your application form at least 3 weeks earlier than your Nikah date.**
15. Failure to respond to the centre's attempts of contacting you regarding your application will result in termination of your application, loss of your application fee and copies of supporting documents after 6 weeks of the date of submission.
16. For help with filling this form please contact **0208 690 5090** or **info@lewishamislamiccentre.com**
17. The Imams at LIC reserve the right not to perform a Nikah should they wish to do so; if they feel uncomfortable or something is wrong. **A full refund will be issued in such cases.**
18. **NO PHOTOS OR VIDEO RECORDINGS ALLOWED INSIDE THE MASJID DURING THE NIKAH CEREMONY**
19. Please send the completed form to:

**Admin Office
Lewisham Islamic Centre
363-365 Lewisham High Street
London
SE13 6NZ**

Section E: The witnesses:

Note both witnesses must be adult male Muslims:

1. First Witness

Surname:

Forenames:

Address:

Town: County:

Post Code: Country:

Phone:

Email:

2. Second Witness

Surname:

Forenames:

Address:

Town: County:

Post Code: Country:

Phone:

Email:

Section F: Preferred day:

The following marriage ceremony slots are available within the week subject to Imams' availability; please tick your preferred slot:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday Saturday Sunday

Section G: Guest:

Please give an approximation of the number of guests that will be attending:

Checklist: Please TICK as appropriate

- I have read and understood the application notes prior to filling the form.
- To the best of my knowledge I have filled this form accurately.
- I have affixed the required documents (such as the proof of ID) to the application form.
- I can confirm that all individuals mentioned will be attending the Nikah ceremony in person.

By signing this application both the bride & groom has agreed that Lewisham Islamic centre & the Imam are not liable or accountable for any issues which may arise after the marriage. Furthermore, both the bride & groom have mutually consented to the marriage without compulsion. Lewisham Islamic Centre reserves the right to withdraw or refuse any application if it feels necessary.

(Bride) Sign: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

(Bridegroom) Sign: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Office use only:

Date form received: ____ / ____ / ____

Date form processed: ____ / ____ / ____

Form received by: _____

Form processed by: _____

- IDs checked and photocopied Payment received Form Rejected Form Approved

If approved: Date of approval: ____ / ____ / ____

Reason(s) if rejected: _____

Certificate number: _____

Notes: _____
