

The Simple Nikah Guide



A Complete Overview



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Islamic Requirements

- Bride and groom consent
- The Presence of a Wali (male guardian for the bride)
- An agreed upon Mahr (bridal gift)
- Muslim witnesses present
- An Imam or officiant to perform the Nikah



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Ontario Legal Requirements

- Ontario marriage licence
- Registered marriage officiant
- Bring the licence on the wedding day
- Legal paperwork completed after the ceremony
- Marriage certificate ordered after registration



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Trusted Imams & Vendors

- Licensed imams and officiants
- Mosques and Islamic centres
- Photographers, venues, and catering
- Marriage prep and counselling support
- Book through MeezanApp or your trusted imam list



Important: A Nikah alone is not automatically a legal marriage in Ontario. If you want one ceremony for both, make sure your officiant is registered.



Tip: *An Ontario marriage licence is valid for 3 months, so do not apply too early.*

Step 1:

Get Your Ontario Marriage Licence

A Nikah alone is not automatically a legal marriage in Ontario.
Follow these steps for the government process.



1

Apply online

Apply online for an Ontario marriage license. You can also go directly to City Hall, but online is often faster.

2

Pick up your licence in person

Go to your city or municipality to pick it up. Bring the required ID.

3

Bring the licence on the wedding day

Make sure you have the marriage license with you on the day of the Nikah.

4

Use a registered officiant

Make sure the imam or officiant you choose is registered in your locality.

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Review the Nikah Details

Confirm the date, time, location, and arrival time with your imam or officiant.

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Paperwork after the ceremony

The imam or officiant fills out and files the legal marriage paperwork after the ceremony.

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Order your marriage certificate

About 3-4 months later, the bride and groom apply online for the Ontario marriage certificate. The imam does not do this.



Need it quicker?

- Apply online first for your Ontario marriage certificate.
- About 1 week after the imam mails the marriage licence, submit an urgent request to the Office of the Registrar General.
- Keep your marriage licence number, date of marriage, application reference, and tracking number ready for the day of the wedding to complete paperwork.



Urgent processing contact:

Toll Free: 800-461-2156
or 416-325-8305.

Marriage licence: ontario.ca/page/apply-marriage-licence-online

Marriage certificate: ontario.ca/page/how-get-copy-ontario-marriage-certificate-online

Urgent request: ontario.ca/page/send-request-office-registrar-general

Step 2: Complete the Islamic Nikah Requirements



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Consent of the bride and groom

Both the bride and groom must willingly agree to the marriage.

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Wali (guardian for the bride)

A wali is the bride's guardian. This may be the father, brother, uncle, or grandfather. The wali may be present in person or online. In some cases, he may permit someone else to represent him. In certain circumstances, the imam may act as the wali.

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Mahr (bridal gift)

A mahr is an agreed gift from the groom to the bride. It can be cash, gold, jewelry, memorizing a surah, Umrah, or another agreed gift. It should be reasonable.

Muqaddam:
given on the wedding day

Muakhkhar:
given later

**Give some now
& some later**

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Islamic witnesses

The Nikah requires either two Muslim men, or one Muslim man and two Muslim women as witnesses. Witnesses may be present in person or online when needed.



Bring on the day



Bride and groom names



Wali contact or representation



Witness names



Mahr details



Marriage licence



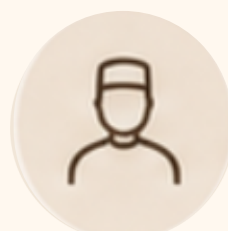
Any IDs or forms needed



If your mahr or wali situation is complicated, speak to an experienced imam for guidance.

Step 3: Book a Trusted Imam, Officiant & Vendors

Choose someone who can support your Nikah properly.
Make sure the officiant is registered.



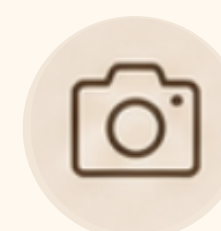
1. Licensed Imams & Officiants

Book someone who can perform the Nikah and guide you through the process.



2. Mosques & Islamic Centres

Find local mosques and Islamic centres for your Nikah ceremony.



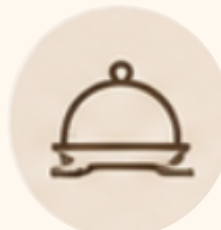
3. Photographers

Capture your day with experienced wedding photographers.



4. Venues

Explore beautiful venues, halls, homes, or simple spaces for your Nikah.



5. Catering

Choose halal catering options for your family and guests.



6. Marriage Prep / Counselling

Get support with pre-marriage guidance and counselling.



Full Imam List



Book on MeezanApp



Streamline your event preparation with expert coordination across all venues, vendors, and officiants.