



Know-Your- Mikrahama



Nikkahnama Checklist

CHECKLIST FOR A MONTH BEFORE

- ✓ Get a copy of the nikkahnama from your local Union Council office or Masjid.
- ✓ Read the nikkahnama form and make note of any questions you may have.
- ✓ Make sure you understand the information required in each column.
- ✓ Ensure you and your partner are 100% on the same page about the terms of the nikkahnama.
- ✓ Make a clear and firm decision about if and how you want to use the special conditions clause.

CHECKLIST FOR THE FINAL WEEK

- ✓ Double-check that the filled-copy of the nikkahnama.
- ✓ Meet with your nikah-khwan beforehand to make sure the nikkahnama is executed according to your requirements.
- ✓ Make sure you have a trusted friend or family member understand that on the day of the wedding any changes to the nikkahnama cannot be made unless expressly authorized by the bride and groom.

Notes :

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General Information

Column 2 & 4

The name and residence of the groom and his father must be written out as per their ID cards.

The name and residence of the bride and her father must be written out as per their ID cards.

Column 3 & 6

The age of the bride & groom must be written out as per their ID cards. The legal age for marriage in each province is:

Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan

- Girls - 16+
- Boys - 18+

Sindh & Islamabad

- Girls - 18+
- Boys - 18+

Child marriages are illegal in Pakistan.

The bride must declare if she has been married before.

Column 7 & 9

If the bride appoints a representative, on her behalf, then the full name and other details must be filled out.

The name and residence of the bride and her father must be written out as per their ID cards.

Name of witnesses (different from those in Column 8 & 10) to the marriage (two, sane, muslim adults are required i.e. one man or two women)

This information is cross-checked by the court in cases of forced marriages/ abductions.

Column 11

Column 8 & 10

The witnesses to the appointment of the representative in column 7 & 9

The date of the marriage must be recorded in the nikkahnama.

Column 12

Column 21

The groom must declare any previous / existing wife / wives, including particulars of each (Name & Age).

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Terms of the marriage

Column 13

Write out the agreed amount for haq maher that is to be paid to the bride as consideration of the marriage.

Dower (haq maher) is a mandatory form of consideration paid by the husband to the bride at the time of the marriage

Column 14 & 15

Write out if your haq maher will be paid at the time of the marriage (Prompt dower) or at a later time (Deferred dower).

If part of your dower is paid promptly make sure you mention the amount paid and remaining!

Column 16

Write out any property that is given as dower in this column, dower does not have to be money only!

Column 17

Write out any special conditions or additional terms that you want to add into your nikahnama.

Special conditions cannot be against public policy or law. It can include mutual responsibilities.

Column 18

does the husband agree to delegate the right to divorce, to his wife or any other third party, and if any special conditions may apply

Delegated Right to Divorce (talaq-e-tafweez) - the bride can secure this right through column 18. Opting to take your right to DRD means you will have the same option to talaq as your husband.

Column 19

Write out any reasonable restrictions that you want applied to the husband's right to Talaq.

Column 20

Write out the amount of monthly maintenance that has been agreed to.

The wife can file an application in the Union Council or go to the Family Court to secure this amount.

Column 22

If the groom contracts a second marriage without the permission of the Arbitration Council, he will be criminally liable.