

Nikah Nama

This nikah is being solemnized on _____ (date) at _____ (place)

1.Name of Bridegroom:

Age

Occupation:

Address

Status: Unmarried / Married* / Widower / Divorcee

2.Name of the bridegroom's father/mother

Age

Address

3.Name of Vakil-e-nikah

Age

Address

Relationship

4.Name of Witness No.1

Age

Address

Relationship

5.Name of Bride

Age

Occupation

Address

Status:Unmarried /Widow/Divorcee

6.Name of the bride's father/mother

Age

Address

7.Name of Vakil-e-nikah

Age

Address

Relationship

8.Name of Witness No.2

Age

Address

Relationship

I. List of Gifts received by the Husband / Wife

II. Mehr

Mehr-e-Mu'ajjal (Prompt Mehr)

Cash

Valuables (gold, silver, jewellery, etc.)
Immovable property (flat, agricultural property, etc.) (specify location)
Securities (shares, bonds, etc.)

Mehr-e-Mu'wajjal (Deferred Mehr)

Cash

Valuables (gold, silver, jewellery, etc.)

Immovable property (flat, agricultural property, etc) (specify location)

Securities (shares, bonds, etc.)

III. Arbitration

In case of dispute of a serious nature between the husband and the wife, two arbitrators / mediators (one from each side) will be appointed to sort out the difference between them. In case the differences between husband and wife are irreconcilable, the arbitrators, will help the husband and wife to arrive at a settlement regarding the following issues, before dissolution of marriage -

- a. Maintenance during iddat period
- b. Payment of outstanding *mehr* dues, if any
- c. Return of gifts given at the time of marriage or subsequently
- d. Fair and reasonable provision
- e. Children's Custody, Access and Maintenance
- f. Division and transfer of joint/separate moveable / immovable properties

If there is a difference of opinion between the two arbitrators, they will appoint one more arbitrator as an Umpire, to arrive at a settlement. This will be done after ascertaining the wishes of both the husband and the wife.

IV. *Shoroot-e-aqd* (Special Terms) if any :

Whether the husband has delegated the power of talaq (*tafeez-e-talaq*) to the wife?
If so, under what conditions?

*In the event of the marital status of the bridegroom is "Married"

I state that my present wife is aware of this marriage. I also state that I have made provision for maintenance and separate residence for my present wife.

Signatures:

Bridegroom: Date: Place:

Bride: Date: Place:

Qazi / Nikah Khuan
(Person solemnizing the nikah): Date: Place:

Witness No. 1 Date: Place:

Witness No. 2 Date: Place:

(Further Clauses - Optional)

In case the husband has suppressed any information regarding his marital status or has made a false declaration, or in the event that he contracts a second marriage without informing the present wife, the present wife will have the right to demand a separate residence and maintenance and / or the right to pronounce tafeez-e-talaq. The husband shall also be liable to pay a penalty to the first wife.

Only for valid reasons as per the Sharia stipulations, the husband may contract a second / subsequent marriage.

In the event of a second marriage, the husband undertakes that he shall not force the present wife to share her matrimonial residence with the second / subsequent wife and shall not in any way alter the prevailing status of the wife to her disadvantage. He also undertakes to treat her with the same degree of respect and economic security as the wife from the second / subsequent marriage.

This model nikahnama has been prepared by a group of women in Bombay - Advocate Flavia Agnes, (Majlis), Nasreen Fazalbhoj (teaches in Bombay University), Uzma Naheed, Islamic scholar and Advocate Neelofer Akhtar in consultation with Maulana Mohammed Shoeb Koti and Maulana Abdul Waheed Wahid Fayazi. It was presented at a meeting organised by Majlis at Akbar Peerbhoy Hall on 25th September, 2004 which was presided over by Maulana Abu Zafar Hasan Nadwi and was attended by a large group of Muslim women, lawyers, representatives of NGOs and women's organizations, and community representatives.

