



I.M.A.M.

Imam Mahdi Association of Marjaeya
Family & Social Affairs Office

Application Form
for Implementing an
Islamic Marriage Contract
Including Agency and Conditions

Complete and return to the
Family & Social Affairs Office of I.M.A.M.
Via email: FamilyAffairs@imam-us.org or
By mail to: 22000 Garrison St., Dearborn, MI 48124
For more information call +1(313) 562-4626

Congratulations on your union!

Marriage is a sacred spiritual covenant rooted in mutual devotion and faith. We are honored to be a part of your special day as you begin this joyful journey together.

Before filling out this application, pay your full attention and read the whole content carefully!

General Comments

1. No procedures shall be carried out except after this form is fully completed and signed exclusively by both parties, and by no one else.
2. A copy of a valid legal identification document for both parties, such as a passport, driver's license, or equivalent, must be attached.
3. It may be necessary to provide additional copies of other documents relevant to the prior divorce or the death certificate.
4. The consent of the bride's guardian (the father or paternal grandfather) is required if she is a virgin (one who has not left her guardian's household through marriage). Otherwise, documentation proving that such consent is not required (such as evidence of withdrawal of need for consent or death) must be provided.
5. There must be no existing legal documents indicating the continuation of a current marriage.
6. This form and all information contained within it shall remain the property of the issuing institution. It shall not be shared with any party nor provided to any entity without the consent of the applicants, except in the case of a specific binding religious or legal necessity. Furthermore, the form will not be returned to the applicant.
7. It is mandatory to review the detailed religious rulings in cases where the groom is marrying a woman of a different religion, in order to avoid future complications or difficulties.
8. Please submit your form and documents at least 3–4 weeks before the ceremony. Once we receive your information, our Family Affairs Office will work to secure an officiant.
9. It is highly recommended to schedule a premarital counseling session. It offers guidance on building a successful, harmonious marriage rooted in Islamic teachings, helping you prepare for the road ahead.

Marital Rights and Duties in Islam

Upon entering into a valid religious marriage contract, both spouses assume obligations and are entitled to rights, the most important of which are:

1. The husband is obligated to provide for his wife, which includes housing, clothing, food, and health care, in accordance with the social standard of living (*urf*).
2. The wife is obligated to observe the husband's authority in matters related to the rights, sanctity, and welfare of the family, as well as in marital intimacy, except when there is a legitimate excuse.
3. Both spouses must live together in kindness, with mutual respect and good conduct.

It is highly recommended that those intending to marry review jurisprudential works to become familiar with the detailed rulings.

Marital Rights and Duties under the Law

The details of personal status laws in the United States of America and Canada vary from one state or province to another. Therefore, it is advisable, prior to conducting the Islamic marriage contract, to consult a qualified expert who is well-versed in the relevant state or provincial laws. There are many important matters that the spouses should be aware of—particularly those concerning the exercise of personal freedoms, ownership of property, child custody and rights, and similar issues. It is further recommended that such matters be discussed, agreed upon, and incorporated as conditions within the marriage contract to safeguard against and prevent potential disputes in the future.

Obtain a Marriage License from Your Local County Courthouse

In addition to the Islamic marriage contract, both parties must obtain an official Civil Marriage License by applying together in person at their local County Courthouse (Circuit Court Clerk). For convenience, applicants in the Washington D.C., area, Detroit area, or Los Angeles area, may contact the following local clerk offices:

The following locations are for **Washington, D.C., Metro Area** residents:

- Fairfax County Courthouse (703-691-7320)
- Arlington County Courthouse (703-228-4510)
- Loudoun County Courthouse (703-777-0270)
- Alexandria County Courthouse (703-838-5046)

The following locations are for **Detroit Metro Area** residents:

- Wayne County Courthouse (313) 967-6938
- Macomb County Courthouse (586) 469-5120
- Oakland County Courthouse (248) 858-0571

The following locations are for **Los Angeles Metro Area** residents:

- Los Angeles County Courthouse (323) 441-1800
- Orange County Courthouse (657) 622-6878
- Pasadena County Courthouse (626) 396-3300
- Riverside County Courthouse (951) 777-3147

Note: Drop off the original marriage license and the provided return envelope at our office no later than 7 days before the ceremony.

Administrative Fees

- On-Site Services: \$300–500 USD average donation. For any extra services, refreshments, or special requests, there will be extra charges.
- Off-site Services: \$700–1000 USD average donation, depending on the location.
- Virtual Service: Up to \$200 USD.

Bride and Groom's Information
For Office Use and Records only

Bride's Information

First, middle, and family name: _____

Father's full name: _____ Mother's full name: _____

Religious affiliation (specify sect such as "Muslim, Twelver Shia"): _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Primary nationality: _____ Secondary nationality: _____

Postal address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Current marital status: (*Check one*)

Single ☐

Divorced ☐

Widowed ☐

- For a virgin bride marrying for the first time, the father's consent is required. Please provide his contact information to reach out to him. Phone _____ Email _____
- If the bride is divorced, attach a copy of your religious and civil divorce documents.
- If the applicant is a widow, provide copies of the required documents.

Groom's Information

First, middle, and family name: _____

Father's full name: _____ Mother's full name: _____

Religious affiliation (specify sect such as "Muslim, Twelver Shia"): _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Primary nationality: _____ Secondary nationality: _____

Postal address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Current marital status: (*Check one*)

Single ☐

Married ☐

Divorced ☐

Widowed ☐

- If the groom is divorced, attach a copy of your Religious and civil divorce documents.

Dower (Mahr)

Please list and describe in detail the dower that the prospective husband and wife have agreed upon:

Advanced: _____

Deferred: _____

Please check the most appropriate box with regard to the bridal dower:

The prospective wife must be given her bridal dowry

- ☐ at the nearest of the two terms (divorce or death).
- ☐ upon the ability to do so.
- ☐ upon request.

About the Event

Kindly fill out the following details regarding your upcoming marriage ceremony to the best of your ability.

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Location (Please check):

☐ **Virtual:**

☐ **I.M.A.M.'s Offices:**

☐ Michigan Office: 22000 Garrison St., Dearborn, MI 48127

☐ Virginia Office: 4000 Legato Rd., Suite 1100, Fairfax, VA 22033

How many people will be attending? _____

☐ Your preferred one:

☐ **Home:**

Address _____ Apt No. _____

City _____ State _____ Z-Code _____

☐ **Banquet hall:**

Name: _____

Address _____ Apt No. _____

City _____ State _____ Z-Code _____

Attention: When a scholar is present to officiate the marriage contract, please maintain an environment consistent with Islamic values so he may perform his role effectively. This includes ensuring modesty in dress and avoiding music, dancing, or singing in his immediate presence.

Event Day Contact (Not Bride or Groom):

Name _____ Phone number _____

Acknowledgment and Undertaking:

We have read and understood the entirety of this document and swear that all information provided herein is correct.

Husband’s full name

Signature

Date

Wife’s full name

Signature

Date

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Recipient of application: _____

Date of receipt of application: _____

The Religious Formulas That Must Be Pronounced by the Spouses or Their Representatives, Depending on Each Case and Its Specific Conditions

The Islamic pronouncements that must be uttered by the spouses or their representatives, depending on the specific case and its conditions. The following are four possible formulas to choose from depending on the situation and circumstance:

1. Marriage performed directly by the wife and husband themselves:

The wife addresses the husband directly, saying:

“Based on the Sunnah of Allah and His Messenger, I marry myself to you for the agreed-upon dowry, which is [amount] (advance of [amount] and a deferred portion of [amount]),

The husband responds:

“I accept the marriage upon the declared and agreed-upon dowry.”

End.

2. Marriage performed by a representative for the wife (such as a religious scholar) and the husband:

The wife’s representative addresses the husband, saying:

“Based on the Sunnah of Allah and His Messenger, I marry you to my client (state her name) for the agreed-upon dowry, which is [amount] (advance of [amount] and a deferred portion of [amount], which becomes due upon [condition]).”

The husband responds:

“I accept the marriage to your client upon the declared and agreed-upon dowry.”

End.

3. Marriage conducted by two representatives, one for the husband and one for the wife (such as two religious scholars):

The wife's representative addresses the husband's representative, saying:

"Based on the Sunnah of Allah and His Messenger, I marry my client (state her name) to your client (state his name) for the agreed-upon dowry, which is [amount] (advance of [amount] and a deferred portion of [amount]), which becomes due upon [condition]."

Then, the husband's representative says:

"On behalf of my client (state his name), I accept the marriage based on the declared and agreed-upon dowry."

End.

4. A third party, such as a religious scholar, acting as the representative for both the husband and wife simultaneously:

The third party first says:

"Based on the Sunnah of Allah and His Messenger, I marry my client (state her name) to my client (state his name) for the agreed-upon dowry, which is [amount] (advance of [amount] and a deferred portion of [amount]), which becomes due upon [condition]."

Then, the third party continues:

"On behalf of my client (state his name), I accept the marriage based on the declared and agreed-upon dowry."

End.

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Allah (swt) says in the Holy Qur'an:

"And of His signs is that He created for you mates from your own selves that you take comfort in them, and He ordained affection and mercy between you. There are indeed signs in that for a people who reflect." (30:21)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh&hp) said:

"He who marries attains half of his religion, and he should fear Allah in the second half [of his religion]."

ISLAMIC MARRIAGE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

In accordance with the Holy Qur'an, and the tradition of His Prophet Muhammad (pbuh&hp), the marriage of the two believing spouses, whose details are provided below, has been solemnized on the date of:

_____ Hijri, corresponding to
_____ Gregorian,
in the city of _____, state/province of _____, country of _____.

This contract has been concluded in accordance with the valid conditions required in Islamic legal contracts between the two parties, including the prescribed formula of the marriage contract and the conditions mutually stipulated, as referenced in this document, all in accordance with the rulings of Islamic law based on the jurisprudence of the School of the Ahl al-Bayt (pbut).

Groom's information	Bride's information
First Name:	First Name:
Middle Name:	Middle Name:
Surname:	Surname:
Date of Birth:	Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:	Place of Birth:

Initials: [] []

Dowry
Advanced Portion: _____
Deferred Portion: _____
Due: ☐ at the nearest of the two terms (divorce or death) ☐ upon the ability to do so ☐ upon request
Agency and Agreed Conditions

By virtue of this contract, the husband has granted the wife an irrevocable agency (power of attorney), with the right to delegate it to others, authorizing her to divorce herself—even on multiple occasions—provided that it shall not be exercised except under the supervision of a qualified religious scholar or specialist in family fiqh matters, in accordance with the jurisprudence of the School of the Ahl al-Bayt (peace be upon them). This is to ensure the validity and proper application of the agency in the event of failure to fulfill any of the conditions signed below:

	List of Conditions	Bride’s signature	Groom’s signature
1	If the husband refuses to provide the basic necessities of life for the wife for a period of _____, regardless of the reasons. This could be if he cannot be forced to pay or if he is not willing to commit to doing it voluntarily.	_____	_____
2	If the husband denies his wife her conjugal rights for a period of _____ without a religiously acceptable excuse.	_____	_____
3	If the husband directly or indirectly abuses the wife to the point that she cannot continue in the marriage.	_____	_____
4	If the husband is afflicted with an illness that may pose a risk to the wife.	_____	_____

Initials: [] []

5	If the husband loses his mental capacity (becomes insane) in cases where there is no automatic right of annulment.	_____	_____
6	If the husband becomes sterile or it is obvious during the marriage that he is, which would render it impossible to produce children. This rule will apply only if there are no children already born to the couple.	_____	_____
7	If the husband is imprisoned for a period that is considered unbearable for the wife.	_____	_____
8	If the husband is addicted to anything harmful that renders that marriage difficult to continue and unbearable for the wife.	_____	_____
9	If the husband's whereabouts remain unknown for a period of one year and upon verification and notification.	_____	_____
10	If the husband takes another wife without the consent of the present wife.	_____	_____
11	If the husband prevents the wife from practicing her religious duties.	_____	_____
12	If the husband willingly divorces his wife according to civil law but abstains from divorcing her religiously.	_____	_____

	Additional Conditions	Bride's signature	Groom's signature
13	_____	_____	_____
14	_____	_____	_____
15	_____	_____	_____

Additional considerations:

Initials: [] []

Signatures			
	Full Name	Signature	Date
Husband	_____	_____	_____
Wife	_____	_____	_____
Wife's Guardian	_____	_____	_____
Witness	_____	_____	_____
Witness	_____	_____	_____
Islamic Law Aspect			
First Name:		Surname:	
Title:			
Address:			
Telephone Number:		Email Address:	
Signature:		Official Stamp:	
Date:			
Location:			

Notice(s):

Initials: [] []