

## CHESTER SHAH JALAL MOSQUE & ISLAMIC CENTRE

### **NIKKAH CHEKLIST:**

1. Both Bride & Groom must be Muslim.
2. The applicant must either be the legal guardian of the bride (wali), the bridegroom or the bride.
3. Valid ID are required: Acceptable forms of IDs include: UK photo driving license, passport or official government issued ID. Please bring original and 1 copy of IDs for Mosque to keep.
4. The Legal Sharia guardian (Wali) for bride must be in the following order of priority: The Father, the paternal grandfather, the full brother, the bride's son and son on. In case of no legal Sharia guardian, the Imam of the Mosque will assume the position of the Wali).
5. If the Bride or Bridegroom is under the age of 18, approval from parents or guardians will be required.
6. If the Bride/Bridegroom has been previously married, they are required to produce a proof of divorce from their previous marriage. A document of proof could be a divorce certificate from an Islamic centre/organisation or decree of absolute. In absence of such, a letter of divorce from thier previous spouse would suffice. In these circumstances, we must be provided with contact details of the previous spouse for our own verification.
7. An administration fee of £50 is payable once Nikkah has been formalised.
8. Marriage certificate are only issued to when both the bride and bridegroom are: either in possession of full UK/EU residency permit or UK/EU citizen. Also, an original Marriage Certificate issued by UK Register Office will be required. There is a £50 fee required for a certificate to be issued.
9. We do not carry out civil ceremony.
10. The Imam reserve the right not to perform a Nikkah should they wish to do so: if they feel uncomfortable or something is wrong.
11. Please allow 2 weeks before Nikkah ceremony can take place.
12. Two (2) Muslim male witnesses will be required. If not available we will try our best to provide this.
13. Chester Mosque & Islamic Centre will not be held responsible for any disputes which may occur between bride and bridegroom.
14. As the nikkah will take place in the main prayer hall, men and women must wear appropriate clothes to maintain etiquettes of the mosque. Men and women must cover themselves according to Islamic principles.
15. No mixed gathering in the main prayer hall.
16. If refreshments are to be served to guests, additional room can be used.