

Procedure of Nikah in Jama'at Ahmadiyya Canada

1. Both bride and groom apply to the city marriage office to get their marriage license.
2. That license is registered with a Marriage Registrar who solemnizes their (civil) marriage. Both the bride and the groom have to be there with their IDs along with two witnesses. If marriage is registered in GTA, this service is also available in the Jama'at. If you need this service, please contact Secretary Rishtanata (416 953 3386) for an appointment. That completes the civil marriage process.
3. Civil Marriage and the Pre-marital counselling has to be done before announcement of the Nikah. Please contact your local missionary to get an appointment from him for the counselling session. It is a one-hour session where the bride, the groom and their parents have to attend. If any of the parents cannot attend that session, that would be an exception.
4. If the bride or the groom is a Nau Mubae (up to 3 years from the date of their Bai 'at), an undertaking has to be signed before announcement of the Nikah by the Nau Mubae, his/her Ahmadi partner, that partner's father, the Missionary of his/her Jama'at and his/her Sadr Sahib that they will continue to strive to integrate the Nau Mubae into Nizam e jama'at,
5. Nikah forms can be had from the local Secretary Rishtanata (who is supposed to have a reasonable stock of those forms), from Rishtanata Department, or can be downloaded from:
https://www.ahmadiyya.ca/sites/default/files/nikah_form.pdf No cutting/over writing or use of the whitener is allowed in nikah forms. Bride's and groom's signatures need two witnesses each. The date of signature of the bride and her witnesses and that of the groom and his witnesses has to be the same.
6. Nikah forms are legal documents. A legal document has to be closed within 90 days. That means that the time gap between date of first signature on those forms and the date of the last signature (the date of announcement of Nikah) should not be more than 90 days.
7. If the bride and the groom may so choose, they can enter into a Prenuptial agreement before their Nikah. In these agreements they can put in each other's rights and responsibilities and all that they may have agreed upon before their Nikah. These agreements are drawn by lawyers.
8. All International Nikahs need verification/signatures from the National Amir while National Amir's verification/Signatures are not needed if both – the Bride and the Groom are members of Canada Jama'at. National Secretary Rishtanjata is authorized to do that verification/signature on behalf of National Amir.
9. Completed Nikah forms need to be checked from Rishtanata office - send soft completed copy to Secretary Rishtanata at rishtanata@ahmadiyya.ca along with a copy of Record of Solemnization of Marriage issued by the

Marriage Registrar, a copy of the Premarital Counselling Certificate issued by the Missionary who has done the Counselling, and a copy of the undertaking referred to in item 4 above, in case the bride or the groom is a nau Mubae (up to 3 years from the date of Bai'at), for its correctness before announcement of nikah.

10. In Islam no nikah can be announced without the consent of Waliyy (biological father of the bride, irrespective of his faith and his location). If the bride is an Ahmadi and her waliyy does not agree to her nikah to an Ahmadi, then that Ahmadi bride can write to Huzur Anwar (may Allah be his Helper) explaining her situation and requesting him to appoint a Waliyy for her. Such request usually goes through Respected Amir Sahib and he proposes Sadr of the respective halqa/Jama'at to act as Waliyy of the bride to execute the instrument of her nikah. She will have to wait till approval of that nomination before the announcement of her nikah.

11. In such nikahs where one of the partners is a nau mubae (this condition is up to one year after his/her Bai'at), the nikah is not announced in a mosque or namaz centre, no Jama'at office bearer attends the nikah, nor any ceremony following that nikah. Such nikahs have to be announced in a private family setting by any family member or a friend. If that is not possible, please contact the Sadr Sahib for help. He can talk to National Secretary Rishtanata (416 953 3386) if he has any reservation on that account.

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