

Marriage Guidelines

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Congratulations on your upcoming nikāh. Below is an outline of the steps necessary to have a marriage solemnized in BC, through the BC Muslim Association.

1. Speak to a Marriage Officer to schedule an appointment for your nikāh. Many marriage officers are quite busy, so ensure you speak with one before finalizing a date for your marriage. A list of current marriage officers is available on <http://thebcma.com/MarriageOfficers.aspx>
2. Obtain a marriage license. Marriage licenses can be obtained by visiting any of the locations listed on https://www.health.gov.bc.ca/cgi-bin/vs/marriage_offices.cgi. In order to obtain a marriage license, you will need photo ID. A marriage license costs \$100 and is valid for 90 days.
3. On the day of your nikāh, be punctual and arrive at the agreed upon time. Your Marriage Officer will have gone through with you the procedure of events that will take place before, during, and after your nikāh ceremony.
4. The BCMA charges a flat \$100 admin fee for each marriage conducted through one of their officiants. This fee can be paid online at <http://thebcma.com/MarriageOfficers.aspx> (right side panel) or in cash at the time of your marriage. If you have payed the fee online, please bring a copy of the receipt.
5. The \$100 admin fee is not compensation for the services of your Imam/Marriage Officer. You are encouraged to compensate the Marriage Officer for his time and/or travel.
6. This is an outline of steps for the nikāh ceremony only. For rental of any of our facilities, please contact the Branch/Chapter directly.