



Muslim Family Law Hub

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Checklist for Muslim men to consider before marriage

Islamic responsibilities:

- Understand your obligation to pay Mahr (dower)
- Prepare to fulfill the responsibility of nafaqah (maintenance) for your wife and family

Legal considerations:

- Decide between an Islamic marriage only or both Islamic and civil marriage
- Understand the legal implications of marriage in South African law
- Consider the pros and cons of different marital property regimes

Future planning:

- Discuss views on polygyny and understand its legal and financial implications
- Understand the concept of iddah and its financial implications in case of divorce

Divorce considerations:

- Understand different types of Islamic divorce (talāq, faskh, khula')
- Learn about financial obligations in case of divorce, including possible arrear maintenance claims