



Muslim Family Law Hub

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Checklist Before Concluding a Muslim Marriage

Remember, open communication is key to a successful marriage. Don't hesitate to discuss any concerns or expectations with your future spouse before the Nikāh.

- Consider premarital counselling;
- Discuss and agree on Mahr/Maskavi;
- Choose witnesses;
- Prepare the Muslim marriage contract, including any conditions;
- Discuss financial expectations and responsibilities;
- Agree on living arrangements;
- Discuss expectations about work, education, and personal goals;
- Agree on how to handle potential conflicts;
- Discuss financial and other expectations from parents in laws and extended family;
- Consider including rights to divorce or restrictions on polygamy;
- Discuss plans for children and parenting approaches;
- Decide whether you will conclude a civil marriage in terms of South African law;
- Discuss which South Africa marital regime will best suit your marriage.