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1. About the Service

Al Mu'min Nikāh Service (AMNS) Telegram group is a new match making platform that facilitates for the Sunni Muslim community a service in searching for a potential spouse. We welcome applicants from all ethnic background; single, divorced, widowed, legally separated, and who are 18 years of age and above who are UK citizens. Marriage is amongst the essential traditions in Islām. Allāh ﷻ says, **“Among His Signs is that He has created spouses for you from yourselves so that you may find solace with her and He has placed love and mercy between you. There are certainly signs in this for people who contemplate.”** (30:21)

It is related from Sayyidunā Abdullāh Ibn Mas'ood ؓ that the Prophet ﷺ said, “O group of youths! Let him marry who is able to, for most certainly it prevents the eyesight (from committing sins) and protects the private parts.” (Bukhāri, Muslim)

In another narration related by Sayyidunā Anas ؓ that the Prophet ﷺ said, “When a man marries, he has completed half of his religion, so let him fear Allāh ﷻ regarding the remaining half.” (Baihaqi)

Interested members will be required to complete an application form and pay a membership fee (see section 3: Membership Fee) before they can be added onto the Telegram group. All registered females must communicate with the Apa (details will be provided after registering) and males to communicate with Mufti Abdul Waheed on the contact details above.

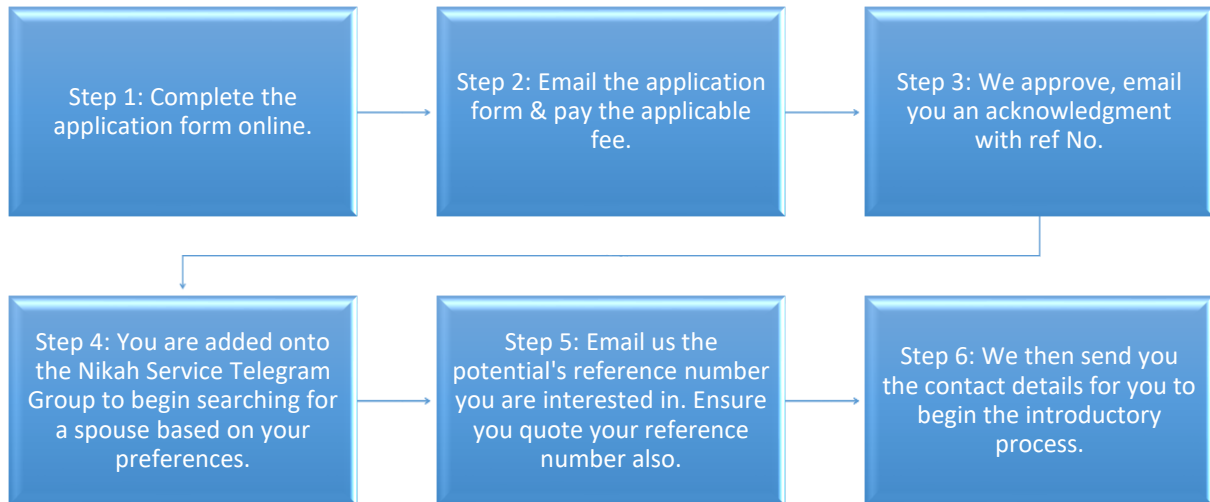
The following applicants we DO NOT accept:

- Asylum seekers or illegal immigrants.
- Have a criminal record.
- Below the age of 18.
- Searching for a second wife.
- Non-British citizens such as those on student visa, work visa etc.
- Residing abroad and do not live in the UK.

2. Application Process & Procedure

Before registering onto the group, each applicant is required to formally complete an application form (see Section 6: Guide to completing the form). The form will be available on our JKN Fatawa website or you can simply request one through email (nikah@jkn.org.uk). Complete the form online and then email it to us. **Do not complete the form by hand.** Once we receive your application form, approved it and received the membership fee then you will be added onto the Telegram group. You will receive an acknowledgment letter from us within 3-5 working days with your own unique reference number (which you must retain). We will retain the original application form and post a condensed version of your profile onto the group containing all of the necessary information for other members to see. All names, addresses, date of birth and contact numbers will be anonymised. Each member will have a unique reference number with their basic profile on the group. You are required to search for a

potential person on the group yourself. Once you find a profile you are interested in, you must email us your reference number along with the potential person's reference number with their brief detail so we can provide you with further details and their contact number (within 3-5 working days). Here is summary of the step-by-step process;



3. Membership Fee & How to Pay

The membership fee is £50 a year. This includes;

- Access to other applicants on the group.
- Counselling and advice in searching for a potential spouse during our office hours.
- Annual online workshops specific for Nikah service members.

Your membership will expire after a year from the date you registered. You will be removed from the Telegram group thereafter along with your details. You will receive a notification from us of the expiry of your membership. To renew your membership, you must re-apply following the above-mentioned procedure. Payments will be accepted through bank transfer only. After transferring the payment, you must send us an attached receipt when emailing your profile. **IF YOU DO NOT THEN WE CANNOT PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION FORM.**

Bank Details

Jamiah khatamun Nabiyeen
ACCOUNT NO: 70432180
SORT CODE: 20-11-88

(You must reference 'Almumin Nikah Service' or 'AMNS' for short).

Kindly note that the fee will be non-refundable if you decide to leave the service at your own accord within a year. (See section 5: Terms & Conditions).

4. Telegram Group Codes and Conducts

Anyone who joins the group must adhere to the following codes and conduct;

- To be honest and transparent in your personal profile.
- To be respectful towards other members on the group.
- Not to use offensive language when communicating with others.
- Be considerate towards other members' feelings on the group.
- Responding to the potential spouse when they contact you. If you are not interested then clearly state so. (see section 7 on general advice when communicating with the potential spouse).
- No details to be shared onto those not part of the Nikah service Telegram Group.
- All communications to be strictly professional and for the purpose of marriage only.

5. Terms & Conditions

IMPORTANT: Please read carefully and understand the Terms & Conditions before filling in the registration form.

1. AMNS **does not accept** applicants who are illegal immigrants, seeking Asylum in the UK, arrived to the UK as a visitor (Holiday Visa), Student Visa, Employment Visa no indefinite stay in the UK and those seeking for a second wife. **IF ANY OF THE ABOVE APPLY TO YOU THEN DO NOT FILL IN THE FORM.**
2. All of the details and information provided in the form must be accurate to the best of your knowledge.
3. Information provided to members by AMNS is confidential and should not be shared with anyone not part of the AMNS Telegram group at any time.
4. Your profile and contact details on the form will be provided to the interested members on the group unless specified by yourself otherwise.
5. You must pay the membership fee of £50.00 before you can be registered on the group.
6. Your registration will automatically expire after one year from the date you registered. You must reapply following the same procedure.
7. AMNS reserves the right to refuse any entries that do not fulfil the conditions mentioned in point 1.
8. AMNS reserves the rights to terminate applications who have a criminal record, provide false details, pose a potential threat to any of our staff members or any other members on our service, breach the codes of conduct of the group after an initial warning, or make physical, written or verbal threats or abuse against any staff or members on our Nikâh Service. In all such events, the fee will be non-refundable.
9. If you join the service and later decide to leave in the event of success elsewhere or for any other reason then you must notify us so that your details can be removed from the system. The fee will be non-refundable.
10. Upon joining the service, you are responsible to search for a potential match yourself on the group that meets to your requirements and then contact us of any interested profile.
11. If you are unavailable to be contacted for any reason or wish to take a temporary break then it is your responsibility to inform us so we can notify other members on the group.
12. Any changes in your circumstances affecting your profile then it is your responsibility to notify us so we can update it e.g. change of dress, new job, qualifications etc.

13. You promise that all correspondence you make will be strictly according to Islām and for the purpose of marriage only.

Signing the declaration on the form means that you agree to accept and abide by the Terms & Conditions outlined below. Members will be updated with any changes made. After completing the for, you will be given a unique Reference Number which you must retain whenever you contact us.

6. Brief Guide to Completing the Form

CONFIDENTIALITY

Be assured that all applications are kept safe and not shared to any members or parties not affiliated with AMNS.

GUIDELINES

All applicants are required to complete the form fully. Any section left blank (unless specified) will not be processed and will be returned to you. The application form is divided into two sections;

1: Personal details that include a general background information of the applicant

2: Prospective partner’s details which the applicant must provide as to what his/her suitable preferences are in search for a potential match.

1: PERSONAL DETAILS

- 1.1 Applicants are required to write their full name, address, age, ethnicity, height, nationality etc. accurately. Tick or shade in the relevant box whether or not you would like us to share your contact number onto the potential spouse. In case you selected ‘No’ then your representative’s contact number (i.e. wali or otherwise) will be forwarded instead.
- 1.2 **Parental Consent**–Interested individuals will be notified whether or not there will be parental involvement hence you must state this. If you prefer a representative (e.g. father, mother or sibling) to communicate on your behalf then you must specify that in the form and their contact number will be shared onto the interested party instead of yours. If you prefer to communicate directly yourself then you can leave this section blank and we will forward your contact number instead. Alternatively, you can suggest for both yours and your representative’s contact number to be forwarded.
- 1.3 **Education and Qualification Details** – You are required to insert the name of the school, college, university or Islamic institute you have studied in the education column only. Whatever qualifications obtained from the various institutes you studied must be inserted in the qualification column.
- 1.4 **Employment Details** – In this section you just insert your current and most recent occupation. You do not need to provide your employment history. If you are unemployed then you must specify that.
- 1.5 **Hobbies** – In this section briefly write your general interest and your hobbies. Interested members would like to know about your hobbies and interest.

1.6 **Religious Status** - State how you would consider yourself in terms of a practicing Muslim/ah and your Islamic knowledge. Include any formal Islamic education; where you studied, attended Islamic course or seminars, maktab, madrasah and what qualification you obtained (e.g. Hafiz, Alim etc) or none.

1.7 **Additional Information** –Members would like to know about your family background, number of siblings, live with family or not so you must complete this. More importantly they would like to know your marital status so you must clearly state whether you are single, widow/er or legally divorced. We also require the number of children and their ages from previous marriage (if any). If you are divorced then briefly explain the reason for the divorce. Interested members would like to know about your previous marriage experience. You are not required to write an elaborative account on the form as you can discuss this in detail with the interested person.

1.8 **Previous criminal record** –If you are guilty of any involvement in physical violence, drugs or have been convicted of homicidal offence then you must specify it. In the case you have ticked ‘Yes’ and specified either or similar nature to the above then we will contact you in person to discuss this with you.

2: PROSPECTIVE PARTNER’S DETAILS

This section will specify to AMNS and other members of your requirements in a potential match. Ensure you are clear and focused about your preferences in what you seek in your future spouse. Being indecisive in your preferences will limit your chances of success.

Referee

This section is optional in case potential individuals would like to know about your character through a third person. In case you provide a referee then they must not be a family member or a close relative.

Declaration

Having signed the declaration means that you have clearly understood the terms & conditions and promise to adhere to them throughout the duration of your registration. **Applications not signed will be sent back and not processed until signed.**

7. General Advice when Searching for a Potential Spouse

We appreciate that for many of us, talking to a potential spouse for marriage purposes can be nerve wrecking. It’s the biggest decision in your life and so many questions come to your mind about your future spouse like how life will be when spending the rest of your life with them, is this the right person for you or not, are you sure you are making the right decision, do they know the rights of the spouse and so on. More so, there’s cultural influences that we need to deal with. It’s a common experience with everyone so you’re not alone. The most important thing to remember is not to overthink and always consult the right people before making a decision. At the same time remember that nobody is perfect. There’s no such thing as perfection

as we all individually have our own flaws. You cannot expect the potential person to tick every box in your checklist. For instance, someone maybe educated but may not be suited in terms of height, or someone may have a stable job but not have a degree, or someone might be educated well enough but living with parents and so forth. I'm sure you know what I mean. Islām has outlined for us the specific quality we must search for in any spouse. The Messenger of Allāh (saw) said, "A woman is married for (one of) four reasons; (1) Wealth (2) Beauty (3) Lineage (family nobility) (4) **Religion (piety), so choose the pious one or may your hands be covered with dust.**" (Bukhāri, Muslim)

Here the Messenger of Allāh (saw) has provided an excellent advice for his ummah, applicable to both males and females. Whilst other qualities are also important, nothing holds more value in any relationship than religiousness and piety as it is this quality that begets other essential qualities such as love, respect, connection, positive communication, compassion and so forth.

We have therefore listed some practical suggestions for you when searching for a potential spouse and communicating with them;

1. Be reasonable in your requirements. Focus on those aspects that matter the most in a marriage as opposed to those that have the least value in marriage.
2. Place yourself in their shoes when deciding on your preferences. Just as you have certain preferences, then so do they.
3. Pay less attention to the material aspect and more on the character. It is the Islamic character and religiousness that in the end bears the fruits in the marriage. It opens the doors to other positive qualities such as mutual respect, love, compassion, mercy, understanding and so forth. These qualities are not obtained through material things.
4. It is common among people to exchange photos. We strongly discourage this as photos do not accurately represent the individual.
5. Arrange a formal meeting with the potential person in the presence of a third person. You should avoid having a meeting in seclusion with the potential person. The third person should be mature and an experienced family member (e.g. parents, older sibling etc) who can speak to the potential spouse on your behalf and help guide you in your decision making.
6. Never rush in your decisions. Have a few meetings and conversations (with their consents and in the presence of a third person) before making a final decision.
7. Whilst you should not rush in your decisions, do not unnecessarily procrastinate the process either leaving other people uncertain of your decision. This does not leave a good impression of you.
8. When communicating, be as respectful towards them. Be careful with the tone of your voice and how you conduct yourself around others. Remember that it is not just about you but about the other party's interests too. Here are some suggestions when communicating;
 - Do not try to impose on them. Be open minded and search for their positives.
 - Its always good to begin the conversation by asking them to talk about themselves and their general interests.

- It is not recommended to ask people about their past mistakes as this arouses unwarranted suspicion.
 - We generally recommend starting the conversation over text message first, then talking and then arranging a family meeting. All of this should be in the presence of a third person. If you are not comfortable with talking yourself, then ask an experienced family member to communicate on your behalf.
 - Before contacting the potential person, ensure you first introduce yourself and how you received their number (e.g. through Al-Mumin Nikah Service) so they are aware beforehand.
 - Throughout the meeting and conversation, be focussed and to the point without delving into unnecessary matters. You must avoid getting into informal conversations and behaving inappropriately in front of them. Remember the conversation must be for the purpose of marriage, not so to make friends with strange people.
 - Be clear in your conversation. If you are interested in them then say so, but if you are not then notifying them respectfully that you no longer wish to proceed with any further conversation. In such a case you must delete their contact details.
9. When meeting a person for the first time, many struggle on what to discuss and what essential questions need to be asked. Here are questions you can ask;
- Tell us about yourself (e.g. general upbringing, family background, education, occupation etc.)
 - What does marriage mean to you?
 - What are your hobbies and interests? Likes and dislikes?
 - How would you consider yourself in terms of practicing Deen i.e. prioritizing Islamic teachings?
 - Have you ever encountered a conflict situation and if so, how would you resolve it? (No need to share extensive details of family conflict)
 - What are your expectations in a future spouse?
 - What would you desire for your children to become in the future?
10. Finally Make Istikharah – This is usually performed after the initial meeting with the potential individual. You perform two rak'ats nafil as normal followed with the Dua of Istikharah. There is no limits in how often you read it and neither is it necessary to see a sign either. Just feeling content in the heart is sufficient.

8. FAQs

1. How long is the process in finding a potential spouse?

However long it takes ultimately depends on the individuals themselves. There is no shortage of people but what is necessary is being as flexible as possible. Factors that impact the time scale of success include, your requirements, how open minded you are, cultural issues and how many avenues you choose to search for a spouse. It can also depend on whether the person is truly ready for marriage or not and whether or not they are willing to compromise on certain issues.

2. How successful is your service?

Success depends on whether you found the right person for yourself or not. Many people from different backgrounds with different preferences register on our service. Whilst we provide the platform for search, it depends on your flexibility in your requirements. The more flexible you are, the higher the chances of your success otherwise the stricter you are, the less chances of success.

3. Can we have multiple introductions at the same time?

Yes it would be possible to have multiple introductions at the same time. However, we strongly encourage proceeding with one introduction at a time. This will make it easier for you both during the introductory process. In case one does not work out, then you can always search for someone else on the group.

4. Why is it so hard to find the right person nowadays?

There are many potential people out there but people have made it difficult for themselves by either adding irrelevant requirements or having unrealistic expectations. As many experienced couples will tell you, you will never find a perfect person and marriage is never perfect for anyone. You cannot expect a person to tick every box in your checklist. So, you need to be realistic in what you want and more importantly, what is it that you can offer to provide comfort and stability in the marriage.

5. What recommendations would you give for requirements?

From general experience in dealing with the Nikah service for over a decade alhamdulillah, we notice that requirements vary from people to people. General requirements that people search for include character, religiousness, financial stability (for the males), age (not too old and not too young), height, ethnicity, physical appearance (i.e. looks), qualifications, salary, family background (i.e. cast, village back home) and language. Most people either erroneously expect everything or prioritise the wrong qualities. We generally recommend dividing your preferences into two categories; primary and secondary. Primary preferences are those that are necessary and form the bedrock of the marriage such as character, stability and so forth. Secondary are additional requirements that do not necessarily impact the foundations of marriage and as of which, they are comprisable. What you do is select 3-4

primary qualities that are necessary. The remainder you must simply be willing to compromise on them. The essential thing is not being rigidly focussed on one or two requirements either, especially if they are secondary. Remember! Be flexible, specific, realistic in what you want and know that we all uniquely different from each other.

6. How religious should the person be?

The minimum requirement is fulfilling their obligations i.e. daily Salāh, fast in the month of Ramadhān, give Zakāt and charity, love for the Deen, have a basic understanding of the Deen, good character, respect for the commands of Allāh and his Messenger (saw), sound belief and practice in accordance to Ahlu-Sunnah wal Jama'ah. Anything beyond that is additional such as being an Alim/ah, Hafiz/ah, well-learned, partaking in religious activities and so forth. The level of practicing varies between individuals so based on your circumstances, you search for someone closer to your standards and if better, then that is a bonus.

7. What Common mistakes do people make when searching for a spouse?

Some of which we have alluded to above such as unrealistic expectations and prioritising the wrong qualities. Other mistakes people make include, being uncertain in what they want (as in write one thing on the form but expect something else), family interference, asking too many people for advice, not giving a good impression on the first meeting, not communicating their needs and requirements clearly, unnecessary procrastination of the introductory process (e.g. delay in response), adding too many conditions, lack of transparency, delaying the Nikah for unnecessary reasons and so forth. Many of these we have addressed under section 7: General Advice on Searching a Potential Spouse. If unsure on how to avoid them then you can contact us for further advice.

8. You stated that you can't expect perfection, so what qualities must we at east avoid in a potential spouse?

The negative qualities that one must avoid such as someone with an abusive background (i.e. abuses others), mentally unstable, irreligious to the point of no respect for any of the Islamic teachings, someone with a different theological thought external to the Ahlu Sunnah such as Shiah, Qadiani (as marriage with them is not permissible).

Note: Berelwi, Salafi, Ahlu-Hadith, Ashari, Deobandi etc despite their differences are all part of the Ahlu-Sunnah wal Jamah. Mariage between them is permissible but one is recommended to prefer those closer to their standards.

9. Can the girl and boy call, text or see each other in person?

When meeting the potential spouse for the first time, it is generally permissible to see each other's faces. If the sister wears a Niqab then she can remove it for the potential person to see. She may also display her hands up to her wrist but nothing besides that. They should avoid meeting privately and must communicate in the presence of a third person irrespective if they call or texting each other. Remember that despite the conversation being

for marriage purposes, you are still strangers to one another and hence your conduct must be as formal as possible.

10. What would you advise if me and my parents have different preferences in a potential match?

This is quite common as sometimes you have specific preferences different from your parents' requirements. Common cases include ethnic background and the village back home. The younger generation mostly don't seem to be interested in the potential person's village background but elders take this quite seriously. It can also be the case with education and professional background also. We recommend that before deciding on searching for a spouse, both yourself and parents must be on the same page. Whilst we must respect the decisions of elders, the decision and the choices of the girl and boy should also be respected considering that they are the ones who will be spending the rest of their lives with each other and raise a family together. The choices of preferences must be realistic and focussed on those qualities that really matter in the marriage. At times, compromising on certain aspects is necessary in order to increase the chances of success. As alluded to previously, flexibility in your choices is the key.

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