22728 - Is Nikah Without Marriage License Valid?

the question

I am living in a non-Muslim country and want to get married. It is hard and expensive to go to the nearest Islamic center here or to the embassy to write the marriage certificate. I want to ask is it OK to write a paper to say that we got married and we care about each other and also then we can officially get married in our country when we go there?

Summary of answer

If you meet the conditions of a valid marriage (stated below) on the basis that you will delay the registration and documentation until you go back to your country or until it becomes easier for you to go to an Islamic center, then there is nothing wrong with that.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Conditions of valid marriage

In order for a marriage to be valid , there must be agreement from both parties, and the presence of the woman's wali (guardian) and two Muslim witnesses of good character, and there should be no impediments in the case of either partner.

If these conditions are met, and the contract is done by means of the proposal and acceptance by the wali and the husband, then the marriage is done.

Significance of documenting marriage

Recording and documenting the marriage are done only to protect people's rights and to avoid disputes.

Based on this, if you agree to do the marriage in the manner described above, and on the basis that you will delay the registration and documentation until you go back to your country or until it becomes easier for you to go to an Islamic center, then there is nothing wrong with that.

You should announce the marriage , and inform your neighbors and relatives of it, so that legitimate marriage will be made distinct from illicit relationships.

It is preferable to hasten to register the marriage at the first opportunity, and strive to do that so as to ward off any suspicion and so as to protect people's rights, especially if Allah blesses you with children.

For more, please see this category: Marriage Contract .

And Allah knows best.