

Sharia Court to issue ID cards as proof of marriage

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Sharjah: Couples married through Sharjah Sharia Court will be issued ID cards to prove their marriage, court officials said.

According to a decision by the court, couples who have received marriage certificates from the court must get the new ID cards bearing details and photographs of both the husband and the wife.

According to an official from Sharjah Sharia Court, couples will be issued a single ID card which will carry details of each individual on either side.

"One side will have the photo and the details of the wife and the other side of the card will have the details and the photo of the husband," the official said.

According to the official, the new ID cards will serve as a kind of marriage certificate for the couple.

"The married couple will be issued only one card which they can use when they are going out together," the official said.

He said the new document would serve as handy proof that the man and woman were married.

Free of charge

The official said the new service was introduced two weeks ago and would be offered free of charge.

Couples would have to apply for the document at the Sharia Court in Sharjah, he said. "Only those whose marriage certificate is issued from Sharjah Sharia Court can apply for that even if their residency is in another emirate."

Applicants would be required to fill out a form and would have to bring along their individual ID cards and two photos for the purpose, he added.

Applicants would have to fill up the form and hand it back at the Sharia Court whereupon the marriage ID cards will be issued instantly. Couples of any nationality may apply for the document given that their marriage certificates have been issued from Sharjah.

"Even people who are married a long time ago can apply for this marriage ID card," the official said.

The service was meant to make it convenient for married couples to carry their marriage certificate with them everywhere they went, he added.

A source from Sharjah Police said the decision was entirely a court decision.

"We have nothing to do with that. But I advise all couples to have this ID," the official said.

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