

# TALAAQ

## PART 1

### What is Talaaq?

Talaaq is the issuance of divorce, whether in word or in writing.

### What is the Islamic status of Talaaq?

Rasulullah ﷺ has described Talaaq as the most hated of permitted actions in the sight of Allah. *(Abu Dawud)*

It is allowed only under specific circumstances.

### Who can issue Talaaq?

The husband has the sole prerogative of issuing Talaaq. A woman who is living in an unbearable marriage may apply for a dissolution of her marriage from an Ulama body.

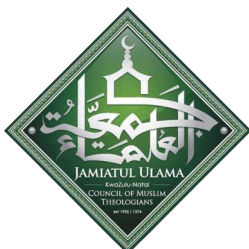
Although Talaaq is the right of the husband, he will be answerable in the court of Allah should he abuse this right.

### Under what circumstances may Talaaq be issued?

Talaaq is issued as a last resort, not as a first. Numerous verses in the Qur'an stress the need for mutual appreciation, overlooking faults and reconciliation in bitter situations.

Talaaq should only be considered after all options are exhausted and advice from the Ulama is sought.

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### How should Talaq be issued?

Talaq is only to be pronounced once. This is done by the husband stating, “Talaq!” or “I give you Talaq!” or “I divorce you!” and similar statements. In written form, the words have the same effect. The Talaq should preferably be witnessed by two witnesses **but will still be valid if pronounced without witnesses.**

**Do not under any circumstances pronounce Three Talaqs at one instance.**

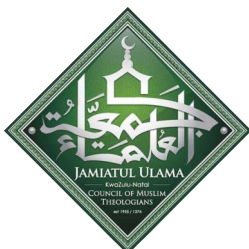
Such an action is Haraam and greatly angered Rasulullah ﷺ. The pronouncement of Three Talaqs will cause an immediate termination of the Nikah without scope for reconciliation.

### When should Talaq be issued?

To pronounce Talaq to a woman in her menses is Haraam but the Talaq will still be valid. It is compulsory for the husband to revoke a Talaq issued in menses if possible. The period of time wherein a woman is not in menses is known as *Tuhr* (clean period). Talaq should only be pronounced during a *Tuhr* period with the additional condition that there should be no intimate relations between spouses in the said *Tuhr* period.

**Consulting with the Ulama is a must before contemplating the issuance of Talaq.**

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