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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

## **HOW TO BECOME A MUSLIM**

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Every Child is Born as a Muslim regardless of their parents

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### Requirement of Shahada

Shahada does not require an announcement from the concerned person in the presence of high ranking scholars or sheikhs or reporting this act to courts of justice or other authorities. **Nevertheless**, those who are going to adopt Islam as their religion are advised to register themselves as Muslims with the concerned governmental agency **if possible and required by your local government**, as this procedure may facilitate for them in many matters including the possibility of performing Hajj (Pilgrimage) and Umrah. So it is advised that one should go to their local Masjid (Mosque) to announce Shahada. **No need to change the name unless its meaning is against the teaching of Islam.**

### Meaning of Shahada

The Shahada (believe in it by heart with a firm conviction and unshakeable faith) can be declared in private or in public as follows:

**"ASH-HADU ANLA ELAHA ILLA-ALLAH WA ASH-HADU ANNA MOHAMMADAN RASUL-ALLAH".**

The English translation is:

**"I bear witness that there is no deity (none truly to be worshipped) but, Allah, and I bear witness that Mohammad is the messenger of Allah",**

### What Next

One should then know the real concept underlying this testimony which means the Oneness of Allah and meet its requirements. One must behave accordingly, applying this true faith to every thing one speaks or does. It takes time to learn, so be patient.

### Purification

The next step for a newly revert to Islam is to purify himself by taking a complete Shower (bath). He should then resolve to comply with the principles and rules of Islam in their entirety. He should disown all forms of polytheism and false beliefs. He should reject evil and be righteous. Such rejection of evil and being righteous is one of the requisites of the motto of Islam - that is, Laa Ilaha Illallah.

### Meaning of Worship

It simply means total submission and complete obedience to Allah's commandments both in utterances and actions of man whether explicit or implicit. **Enter into Islam completely. There is no compulsion in religion.**

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