

# ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

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## Acknowledgement and Undertaking of Burial Services

The Islamic Association of Nova Scotia (“IANS”) is a volunteer, non-profit organization that provides burial services to its members and other Muslims. The services provided by IANS include: Ghusl; burial shroud; burial box; pre-burial services at the Dartmouth Mosque; preparation of grave site at the Islamic Cemetery in Truro, Nova Scotia; burial of the remains in the grave; remediation of gravesite and ongoing maintenance of the cemetery.

**IANS does not transport the deceased.** Transportation must be arranged with a funeral home at the expense of the estate or family of the deceased. IANS may assist in arranging transportation through a funeral home.

For each burial, IANS incurs out-of-pocket expenses that it must pay to outside agencies. These include: Shroud, Burial Box, Preparation of Grave Site, Covering Grave, and Remediation of Gravesite. IANS has also built a ghusl room and purchased the land for the cemetery, which have incurred costs. There are significant costs involved in the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. To cover all these costs, IANS encourages and appreciates a one-time contribution of \$2,900 from the family or estate of the deceased (\$2,500 for Members of IANS in good standing). A tax-deductible receipt for the donated amount less \$700 will be issued. For newborns, a separate area in the cemetery will be marked to conserve space. If IANS does not do grave digging, the charge for burial for newborn will be \$750.

IANS also encourages and appreciates an annual donation of \$50 to cover the costs of ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. All annual donations are tax deductible as IANS is a registered, charitable organization.

Burial in the cemetery and access and alteration of the gravesite, including placement of articles at the gravesite, are subject to the Rules and Regulations of IANS in effect from time to time (current Rules and Regulations attached). Any violation of the Rules and Regulations may be remedied by IANS and any costs for doing so will be recovered from the undersigned.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby confirm that I have read and understood the foregoing and the Rules and Regulations of IANS and agree that the burial of \_\_\_\_\_ at the Truro Islamic Cemetery will be governed by the Rules and Regulations of IANS and agree to be responsible to IANS for any costs associated with the violation of the Rules or Regulations. I also confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ was a Muslim as defined in the Rules and Regulations of IANS.

<p>_____ <b>Signature</b></p> <p>_____ <b>Name (Please print)</b></p> <p>_____ _____ <b>Address</b></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Date:</b> _____</p>	<p><b>FOR IANS OFFICE USE ONLY:</b></p> <p>Documented: _____ Signature</p> <p>Name of deceased: _____</p> <p>Date of Burial: _____</p> <p>Grave Number: _____</p> <p>Form Approved – Feb 2009</p>
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## **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING BURIAL SERVICES** **AT THE ISLAMIC CEMETERY IN TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA**

1. Definition of a Muslim: Any person who believes in the standard basic Islamic tenets; belief in Allah, His Angels, His Prophets, the last and final of whom is Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), His revealed books, the last and final of which is the Qur'an, in the life Hereafter and in Qadar (predestination), in the standard pillars of Islam as taught and practiced by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
2. The Islamic Association of Nova Scotia (IANS) Acknowledgement and Undertaking Form should be signed by a family member or legal representative of the Estate of the deceased. Whoever signs the Form is personally responsible for ensuring that these Rules and Regulations are complied with.
3. Dressing up of the grave site is not permitted. A headstone, if desired, is permitted provided that the top of the headstone does not exceed 20 centimetres from the ground surface when measured. Notwithstanding, IANS strongly urges that where a headstone is desired it be laid flat and level with the ground surface so as to minimize the cost of lawn mowing and general maintenance of the grounds around the grave site.