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### What are the rules for determining the legitimacy of a child?

The minimum period for attributing the legitimacy of child is 6 months from the date of marriage, based on the hijri calendar. The maximum period is 1 year from the date of divorce or death of the husband, also based on the hijri calendar. A spouse may deny the legitimacy of the child by way of li'an (infidelity) in accordance to the Islamic Shariah.