



Wedding checklist calendar

As soon as possible

- Announce your good news
- Set a wedding budget (see My Wedding Budget Planner for help)
- Set a date
- Decide on a civil ceremony or religious ceremony
- Book the venues/church/registry office
- Choose your bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Make a guest list
- Book a photographer/videographer
- Take out Wedding Insurance (see My Wedding Insurance for details)
- Choose a theme and/or colour scheme
- Research wedding shows and plan any visits



6-9 months before your wedding

- Book music and entertainment
- Book florist
- Book your first night accommodation and honeymoon
- Book caterer – check with venue as they often provide catering
- Finalise the guest list and send out save-the-date cards
- Order your wedding dress and bridesmaid dresses
- Order invitations and stationery
- Hire marquee, equipment, tables and chairs, if applicable

6 months before your wedding

- Book a consultation with a hairdresser and make-up artist
- Organise the groom and groomsmen suits
- Book your transport for the day
- Buy accessories, such as tiaras, jewellery and garters
- Organise your gift list
- Order favours
- Order your wedding cake
- Attend your dress fitting
- Choose wedding rings
- Book accommodation for any guests travelling long distances



3 months before your wedding

- Discuss the service and banns with your minister
- Buy your marriage licence from the registrar
- Select hymns and the order of service
- Discuss menu options with caterers
- Ensure passports are valid for honeymoon
- Post wedding invitations
- Choose readings for the ceremony



2 months before your wedding

- Reconfirm all bookings
- Choose presents for the attendants and both mums
- Have a hair trial – take any hair accessories/veils you'll be wearing on the day
- If you are changing your surname – prepare the appropriate documents
- Organise the hen and stag nights
- Have a make-up trial

1 month before your wedding

- Discuss your photography needs with your photographers – how many formal versus relaxed pictures, etc.
- Confirm honeymoon
- Write any speeches that you are making
- Finalise the menu
- Organise the final fittings of your dress and try on your full outfit
- Arrange a date for a wedding rehearsal, if required
- Finalise event order for ceremony and reception



2 weeks before your wedding

- Sort out currency for honeymoon
- Collect wedding rings
- Reconfirm all details with suppliers, including wedding date, delivery time and location
- Provide a list of music you would like played and for special moments, including your first dance
- Create a wedding day timetable

1 week before your wedding

- Pick up your bridal dress, bridesmaids outfits, shoes, etc.
- Wear-in your wedding shoes and practice walking in them
- Collect groom and groomsman's outfits
- Finalise seating plan
- Pack for your honeymoon and choose place cards
- Update caterer with final guest count and specifications, e.g. vegetarians
- Arrange to have your wedding cake delivered to the venue
- Organise with chief bridesmaid to have an emergency wedding kit, containing any make-up and repair kits that the bride may need for any minor hiccups
- Have the wedding rehearsal



The day before your wedding

- Help decorate the venue, if necessary
- Talk to the bridal party to make sure they know what tasks they are doing on the day
- Go for a manicure/pedicure and pamper yourself
- Organise a note or gift to be delivered to your fiancée on the morning of your wedding
- Have a bath and make sure you get an early night

The day of your wedding

- Make sure you leave yourself plenty of time to get ready slowly and relax
- Have the bouquets, buttonholes and corsages delivered or send someone to collect them from the florist
- Have your hairdresser and make-up artists arrive in plenty of time
- Take pre-arranged photographs of bride and bridesmaids getting ready and on the way to the venue
- First wedding car will take the mother and the bridesmaids to the wedding ceremony venue
- The second car will take the bride and bride's father to the venue
- ENJOY YOUR DAY!



After your wedding

- Enjoy your honeymoon as husband and wife!
- Write your thank you cards
- Look at your wedding photographs and decide on the prints you want in an album
- Give details to guests on how to access the photographs – there maybe a website where guests can order prints directly from