

Wedding Timeline Checklist

While this checklist should just be used as a guide only and is designed to help you plan your wedding day, just remember things may not always go according to plan. It's important to try to enjoy the journey, every couple is unique and the steps you each take may be slightly different.

There are a lot of 'moving parts' in the lead up and on the day of your wedding, so while it's a good idea to use the advice and services of professionals, it's also a good idea to go easy on yourself. This is going to be a great day and we're all here to help, just call.

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9 TO 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Determine the budget and how expenses will be shared.
- Choose a target wedding date and time.
- Discuss the size, style and location of the wedding you want.
- Visit and reserve wedding ceremony and reception sites.
- [Meet with your Wedding Celebrant](#)
[CLICK HERE](#)
- Meet with your Wedding Planner
- Create a binder to store and organize ideas, worksheets, receipts, brochures, etc.
- Start compiling your guest list to estimate head count. Consider the budget when thinking about "must-invites" versus "nice-to-invites."
- Begin shopping for the wedding outfits.
- Hire a photographer and a videographer
- Hire a venue for the ceremony & reception

6 TO 9 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Choose the members of your wedding party.
- Arrange your wedding and gift registries.
- Hire a caterer.
- Hire a florist.
- Make arrangements for music to be played at the ceremony and reception, which might include booking a band or solo musician, hiring a DJ, and choosing songs.
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests. Be sure to ask about group rates.
- Send save-the-date cards to your guests. Include lodging information and maps.
- Shop for wedding rings.
- Select and order the wedding outfits, leaving ample time for delivery and alterations.
- Shop for Mother(s) of the Bride(s)/Groom(s) dresses.
- Schedule wedding cake design appointments and tastings.
- Start planning your honeymoon.

4 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Finalize the guest list.
- Order invitations and other wedding stationery like place cards and thank you notes.
- Plan wedding-day beauty preparations. Ask your stylists if they can work at the wedding site/home/their location.
- Finalize your honeymoon plans. If traveling outside the country, arrange for visas, passports and inoculations.
- Hire your wedding day transportation.
- Plan the rehearsal dinner.
- [Speak to your Celebrant](#) about completing all legal wedding documents. Remember to bring all necessary documents with you.

2 TO 4 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Meet with the caterer to review food and drink menus.
- Order the wedding cake.
- Order your wedding rings
- Confirm the ceremony and reception music.
- Book a hotel room for the wedding night.
- If you plan on writing your own vows, start writing them now.

4 TO 8 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Send out the wedding invitations.
- Confirm all transportation plans.
- Do a hair and makeup run-through. Include your wedding veil, for brides if applicable.

2 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Work on seating arrangements for the reception.
- Finalize arrangements for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- Confirm details with the photographer, florist, and other vendors.
- Have final fitting for wedding outfits
- Write your wedding speech.
- Arrange with your Celebrant if you plan to have a rehearsal
- Compile a list of the wedding vendors and wedding party, with contact information.
- Determine where the wedding party, family and attendants will dress for the ceremony.

1 WEEK PRIOR

- Make sure all payments are finalized in advance.
- Give the caterer a final head count.
- Appoint a trustworthy person to bring important items—such as the cake knife, toasting glasses, and guest book—to the reception.
- If you don't have a Wedding Planner, appoint someone to act as an "organiser" to handle any last-minute problems.
- Review final details with the wedding party.
- Get beauty treatments such as a manicure, facial, massage, waxing, and brow shaping.

THE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

- If you're going with tradition ceremony, you may want to arrange the following:
 - Something old, to *symbolize continuity with family and heritage*
 - Something new, to *symbolize optimism and hope for the new life ahead*
 - Something borrowed, from a happily married person, to symbolize marriage longevity
 - Something blue, to *symbolize love and fidelity*
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements.
- Pack for the honeymoon.
- Enjoy a relaxing day with family and friends.
- Try to get some rest.

WEDDING DAY

- Relax and remain calm.
- Remember to eat something.
- Allow at least two to five hours to get dressed.
- ENJOY THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

NEED TO TALK TO A CELEBRANT?

If you would like to have a bit more information of the legal aspect of your ceremony and the step you'll need to take in the weeks and months leading up to your wedding day, feel free to get in touch with me. [CLICK HERE](#)

I also have an [online fee structure](#), so you can get an idea of the costs associate with a number of ceremony options. All of me fees are transparent, there no hidden charges or additional GST fees. You'll no doubt see that weddings can cost a lot at the moment and giving my couples an amazing ceremony for a really fair price is the right thing to do.

I am one of Perth's most experiences celebrants and together, we'll be able to design an absolutely perfect ceremony.

Regards Chris