



Wedding Checklist

Use this helpful section to plan all the details of your dream wedding

Planning and preparation are the key to staying stress-free, as you approach your wedding day. Print off a copy of the weddings2go.co.nz wedding checklist, and start organizing your wedding in easy steps. If you have 12 months or less, the important thing is to start planning today!

Have Fun

12 months ahead

- Use weddings2go.co.nz to search for businesses that can make your wedding day all you wished it would be
- Start your plan and decide what style of wedding you want
- Decide on your wedding date
- Are you having a theme wedding – choose it now
- Set a budget – use the weddings2go.co.nz Budget Planner
- Book a photographer, DVD operator
- Meet with your priest, minister or celebrant
- Book music / entertainment
- Plan your honeymoon
- Hire a wedding planner if desired or use the weddings2go.co.nz Wedding Planner
- Book a ceremony and reception venues
- Search for a wedding gown or choose a designer / dressmaker
- Decide on your guest list
- Contact those to be your bestman, groomsman, bridesmaids, flower girl and discuss arrangements
- Choose a caterer – get quotes from several

6 months ahead

- Contact and book florist
- Choose and order wedding cake
- Contact a hire company and reserve furniture / equipment if needed
- Organise gift registry
- Are you giving party favours to your guests? If so, start choosing now – these take time to organise
- Book accommodation for the wedding night
- Purchase / hire suits for groom, bestman and groomsmen and organise bridesmaids and flower girls dresses
- Book wedding day transport
- Purchase your accessories – shoes, jewellery, stockings, veil and lingerie etc
- Order invitations
- Research accommodation for out-of-town guests
- Re-check your guest list
- Organise dance lessons
- Discuss menu with your caterer

3 months ahead

- Purchase wedding rings
- Write out invitations including wedding registry card
- Purchase accessories for wedding party
- Finalise guest list
- Discuss readings / speeches with those chose to give them
- Meet with photographer / DVD operator to discuss arrangements

2 months ahead

- Discuss the service with your minister / priest or celebrant
- Write your wedding vows
- Plan a trial hair and make-up session
- Check rsvp's numbers and give to your caterer
- Finalise menu, order wine / beverages
- Draft a reception seating plan
- Purchase a guest book
- Check with your dress maker – all proceeding well and if needed arrange another fitting
- Apply to Register of Births, Deaths & Marriages for a marriage license
- Complete the appropriate paperwork if you are changing your name

2 weeks ahead

- Final dress fitting with shoes, accessories and lingerie
- Schedule a rehearsal time
- Organise final fittings for groom, bestman, groomsmen and bridesmaids
- Re-confirm all details with your service providers
- Finalise the reception seating plan and write place cards
- Re-confirm appointment times for hair and make-up for bride and bridesmaids
- Confirm things that need doing after the wedding eg. returning hire equipment, hire suits, taking care of the brides gown, removing and storing wedding gifts, distributing flowers from venue etc
- Ensure those giving speeches are preparing them
- Wear in your wedding shoes (both bride and groom, so no sore feet on the big day)
- Contact your Florist to finalise details for bouquets and church / reception flowers
- If you are having a hen or stag night, have it well before the wedding - not the night before

1 week ahead

- Hold a full rehearsal of the ceremony
- Starting packing for honeymoon
- Arrange for all hired items to be collected and dress to be delivered
- Meet with your out-of-town guests
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements. Give copy of your itinerary to a family member or friend

1 day ahead

- Have a relaxing massage, manicure and pedicure

Your Wedding Day

- You have planned the perfect day – now Enjoy It!

One month after wedding

- Send your favourite wedding photography to weddings2go.co.nz and enter our cover competition – see competition page for details