

Choosing a Wedding Photographer

Choosing a photographer is one of the most important wedding decisions you can make. The photographs serve as mementos of your wedding day for years to come, so it's vital to choose a photographer who can capture your favourite moments.

We want to help you get wedding wise, so we've created this free downloadable resource to help you choose a photographer who fits you perfectly.

You should meet with at least 3-5 photographers within your price range, look at their samples and packages and discuss your options. Remember, a beautiful portfolio isn't everything – you have to feel comfortable with the person behind the camera.

1 Style + Experience

- How would you classify your wedding photography style?
Traditional/posed, Informal, Documentary, Artsy, etc.
- Have you ever shot a wedding at our venue before? What are the best locations for portraits? Were there any issues and how did you overcome them? Yes No
- Where can we see your most recent work?
- Can you give us the contact details of a few clients who will give you a good referral? Yes No
- What happens if something goes wrong with your equipment?
- What happens if it is raining? Do you have the equipment to shoot indoors?

2 Service Package

- What does your package include?
- How many hours will you spend at our wedding?
- What kind of post-production work do you normally do?
Can you supply some shots in black and white or other effects?
- Do you include digital images, prints, enlargements, thank-you cards, an album or other products? Yes No
- Who retains ownership of the photographs? Can we publish them on a blog or magazine? Will you publish them anywhere?
- Do we get all images in digital format on a disc so we can choose to print them elsewhere? Yes No
- How long after the wedding can we expect to see images?
- Can you come to our venue with us in advance to scout out locations for our photographs? Yes No
- Approximately how many photographs can we expect in our package?
- Can other people take photographs or video while you are working? Yes No
- If you provide an album or DVD, can we choose our own photographs and music, or do you choose these yourself? Yes No

3 Payment + Terms

- How much will my wedding photography package cost?
- How much is your deposit?
- When is the balance due?
- Are there any additional charges not mentioned?
- Do you provide a written contract?
- How much does it cost to order additional prints/albums?
- What are your refund/cancellation terms?

 Yes No
 Yes No

4 On the Day

- Do you work on your own or with an assistant?
- What attire will you and your assistants wear?
- What time will you arrive at the venue?
- What time will you leave the venue?
- Will you require transportation or food?

 Yes No