

Selecting a Photographer - Things that you should consider when booking a photographer.

- Book the photographer early.... just like the wedding venue and reception, the photographer may be booked up to 18 months in advance for the most popular times of year! Do not leave it too late as you may be disappointed that you could not obtain the services of the photographer of your choice!
- Only consider booking a photographer that books one wedding per day, you don't want to be restricted by their time commitments.
- Visit several photographers, or get them to visit you at your home. You can compare styles, quality and value and discuss what you require from them.
- Always ask to view a completed wedding albums rather than a compilation of the photographer's favourite images.
- Ensure that the photographer you meet and discuss your wedding photography with is the actual person taking your photos. Ask to see the complete last wedding the photographer undertook.
- If you do have any special shots - ones you've seen in a magazine, or on a website, by all means show them to your prospective photographer so they know what makes you happy. Don't pin down the photographer too tightly or you'll destroy the spontaneity and creativity they have to offer you. However, remember that setting up certain shots takes time; you must be able to give this time to the photographer!
- Book someone that you both feel happy with and who you think will give you the best service on the day.
- Do not pay a full fee payment before any photographs have been taken. A final payment should only be made when the finished product is collected or delivered.
- Make sure the photo album prints are on photographic paper.
- Does the photographer give you the paying customer the image files after completion of the job? Do they expect you to pay additional money to obtain the images which you have already paid for! Will there be hidden additional costs?
- Check to see if the photographer has an online printing facility with reasonable prices.
- Make sure the photographer has insurance for public and product liability.
- The best persons to judge a photographer's ability to produce your wedding photographs is you! Do not leave this task to another family member as you may be disappointed by their decision.
- Do not book on price alone, you get what you pay for!

