

# UK Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 45 items · 11 sections

Plan a British wedding with all legal steps, traditions, and registrar requirements covered.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/uk-wedding-checklist>

## 12+ MONTHS BEFORE

- Set your total wedding budget  
HIGH
- Choose your wedding date  
HIGH
- Decide on ceremony type: civil ceremony (register office or approved venue) or Church of England  
HIGH
- If Church of England: contact vicar to arrange reading of banns (3 consecutive Sundays)  
HIGH
- If civil ceremony: book a registrar through your local register office  
HIGH
- Book wedding venue (registrars are booked separately from venue in the UK)  
HIGH
- Confirm venue holds an approved premises licence for civil ceremonies if applicable  
HIGH

## 9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Research and book photographer and videographer  
HIGH
- Begin wedding dress or suit shopping  
HIGH
- Book caterer or confirm venue wedding breakfast package  
HIGH
- Book live band or DJ for evening reception  
HIGH
- Book honeymoon travel (package holidays, flights, and hotels)  
HIGH

- Purchase wedding insurance: highly recommended in the UK  
**HIGH**
- Choose bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen, and ushers  
**HIGH**
- Set up wedding website and create gift list (John Lewis, Prezola, or similar)

### 6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Send save-the-date cards  
**HIGH**
- Book florist for ceremony and reception arrangements  
**HIGH**
- Order wedding cake from local bakery or cake designer  
**HIGH**
- Book hair and makeup artists  
**HIGH**
- Order bridesmaid dresses and groomsmen suits or kilts (if Scottish)  
**HIGH**
- Book wedding transport (Rolls Royce, vintage car, horse and carriage)

### 4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Plan hen do for bridesmaids and hen party (maid of honour typically organises)
- Plan stag do for best man to organise
- Send formal wedding invitations with RSVP deadline  
**HIGH**
- Include accommodation options near venue in invitation pack
- Arrange evening guests invitations (separate from wedding breakfast guests)  
**HIGH**
- Purchase wedding rings  
**HIGH**

### 3-4 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Give notice of marriage at your local register office (at least 28 days before)  
**HIGH**

### 2-4 MONTHS BEFORE

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- Plan order of service for ceremony: processional, readings, hymns, vows  
**HIGH**

- Finalise RSVPs and confirm wedding breakfast guest count with caterer  
**HIGH**
- Confirm evening reception guest count separately  
**HIGH**
- Create wedding seating plan for wedding breakfast  
**HIGH**
- Plan traditional UK speeches order: father of bride, groom, best man
- Arrange favours for wedding breakfast tables (often sugared almonds or personalised gifts)

### **1-2 MONTHS BEFORE**

- Confirm ceremony wording with registrar or vicar  
**HIGH**
- Write your vows if having personalised vows  
**HIGH**
- Book evening entertainment (photo booth, caricaturist, casino tables)
- Confirm all vendors and share final timeline  
**HIGH**

### **1 MONTH BEFORE**

- Plan rehearsal (often evening before) and confirm with vicar/registrar

### **1 WEEK BEFORE**

- Prepare cash tip envelopes for suppliers
- Pick up wedding dress and check for any last-minute alterations  
**HIGH**

### **DAY BEFORE**

- Attend rehearsal  
**HIGH**

### **AFTER WEDDING**

- Collect marriage certificate from registrar (or it is posted to you)  
**HIGH**
- Change name on passport, driving licence, and bank accounts if desired
- Send handwritten thank-you cards to all guests and suppliers  
**HIGH**