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How to Choose the Perfect Wedding Master of Ceremonies: 5 Questions to Ask to Ensure Success

It is well known that an MC will make or break a wedding reception.

Many guests have witnessed a Master of Ceremonies that was not the same standard as the rest of the event. Unfortunately, this has occurred often and can lead to fractured relationships if the MC is a personal acquaintance of the bride and groom.

The traditional of using a friend to act as MC has taken a back seat recently with the arrival of professional wedding MC's.

For the couple hosting the reception, hiring an experienced and well-prepared professional gives them a piece of mind - and is one less thing to worry about.

The rule is: choose your MC carefully - because you only get one chance to get it right.

You need to ask the following 5 questions to potential MC's. The answers you receive back will reveal if you are in safe hands:

How many functions have you MC'd before?

Previous corporate experience as a public speaker or business MC is excellent. Otherwise, they need to have MC'd at least 10 weddings to warrant getting paid by you.

Experience as a DJ does not count - no matter how many weddings they have worked at.

What references that you can show us?

Most professional (i.e getting paid for a service) should have at least 10 to 20 letters of recommendation or testimonials from previous clients.

What hotels or venues have you worked at?

Most places are very fussy about who they work with. A list of the previous establishments will quickly tell you what standard the MC is at.

What is your fee?

Professional MC's always charge for their talent - not their time. Amateurs will quote an hourly fee. A deposit of one third with the remaining to be paid one week before hand is the accepted method of transaction.

If you want to get an idea what a professional MC is like, then visit the world's first ever wedding database (<http://weddingmc.com.au>) and maybe ask your uncle or talented friend to make a great speech or toast instead.

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