



Your Wedding Dress Alteration Cost & Timeline Cheat Sheet

A quick reference for Auckland brides — save this for when your dress arrives

What Affects Your Alteration Cost

- The fabric and structure — tulle, lace, boning, and beading all take different time and skill
- How many alterations your dress needs — a hem alone is very different to a full reshape
- Whether you need simple adjustments or more involved bodice or silhouette work
- Rush timelines close to your wedding date

Exact pricing is confirmed at your consultation once we've seen your dress — here's a general guide to what's typical:

Alteration Level	What's Involved	Typical Price Range*
Simple	Hemming, minor strap or seam adjustments	\$400 – \$600
Moderate	Bodice take-in, bustle, sleeve adjustments	\$700 – \$1,000
Extensive	Full reshape, heavily beaded or layered gowns	\$1,100 – \$1,400+

**Final pricing is always confirmed in person before any work begins — no surprises.*

Your Alteration Timeline

When	What to Do
4–8 months before	Dress arrives — get in touch so we can discuss how it fits and advise on the right timeline for your first consultation
2 months before	First consultation to start your alterations
1 month before	Fitting appointment, if required — especially if your weight may fluctuate before the day
2 weeks before	Receive your completed dress, perfectly fitted. You'll try it on with us to make sure you're happy with everything before taking it away

Bring This to Your First Fitting

- The shoes you plan to wear on the day (or the closest heel height)
- Any shapewear or bridal underwear you intend to wear
- Your dress, in a garment bag — if you don't have one, Alter Me can provide one

Ready to bring your dress in?

Book your fitting — we'll take care of everything.
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