

# **Booking system**

www.YOURDOMAIN.xx/booking

# A short introduction to the system

The booking system is an optional addition to the admin system which enables you to add booked photoshoots in a calendar. Jobs/bookings added via the booking calendar will then show as a new job with job status 1 in admin.

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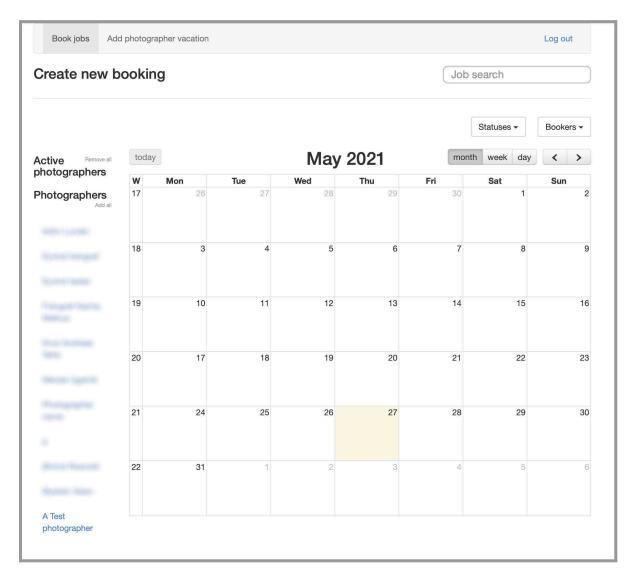
## How it works

#### Access /booking

In www.YourDomain.xx/admin/portal /users/ booker access may be given to the users responsible for booking time and location for photo shoots. Open the edit information site and add the access keyword 'BOOKER' to users.



Bookers then log in to www.YourDomain.xx/booking. In the booking calendar all photographer users are listed to the left, and the booker may select the photographers that are relevant for the new booking. These photographers will be added to the *Active photographers* list on the top left hand side.





## Create new booking

To add a new booking/photoshoot click on a date in the calendar, and add all relevant booking details. Job information is defined on the left hand side of the dialogue, and the job activities are added on the right hand side. One booking may have several job activities each on different dates for example 'Student Photos' and 'Staff Photos'.

The Name field under *Customer* information has an auto search function which enables the booker to copy details from older bookings to streamline the new booking. If applicable, a hit list will appear when typing the customer name.

It is possible to add several email addresses in the *Contact person email* field using comma separation.

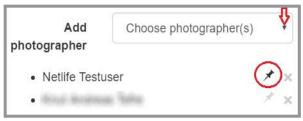
#### Add photographer

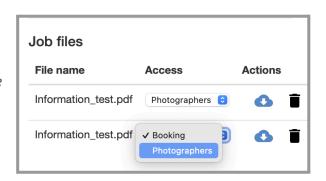
Add photographers by selecting names from the drop down list. The booker may define one of the photographers as head photographer by clicking the pin icon next to the name.

#### **Upload files**

Upload files for the photographers or bookers to see by clicking *choose file* on the right hand side. Once the booking is completed click *create booking*. To make changes for the file(s) added open the edit window by clicking on the booking and change access for the file (see example screenshot). You may choose to give either *booking* or *photographers* access to the file(s).







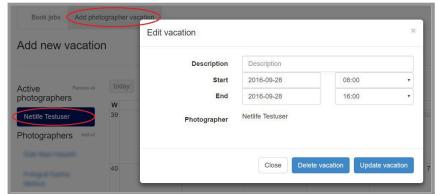


When all details are registered the booker then clicks *Create booking*, and a dialogue presenting the following options will appear:

- Create booking and add activity
- Create booking and send confirmations
- Create booking
- By selecting *Create booking and add activity* the calendar will open in an *add activity for job name*-mode. When selecting a new date in the calendar the booking details will reopen, and the booker may add a second activity to the booking.
- By selecting *Create booking and send confirmations* the booking will be registered, and shown in */admin* as a new job with job status 1. If a *booking confirmed email* and *booking confirmed sms* is already defined in *Job Type Settings* this mail and sms will be sent to *contact person email* and *phone number* and all photographers added to the booking.
- Selecting *Create booking* will create the job and shown in /admin as new job with job status 1

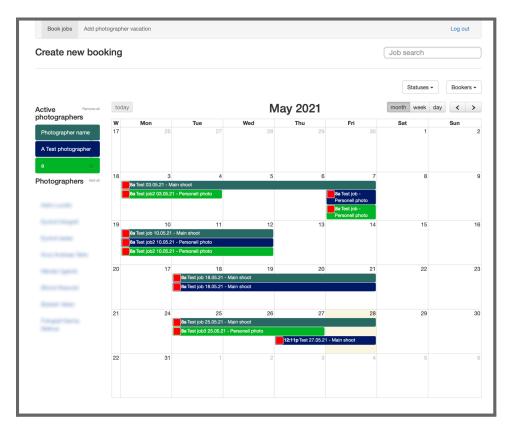
## Unavailable photographer

To set days/times when a photographer is unavailable the booker may define this by selecting the photographer in the list on the left hand side and clicking *add photographer vacation* at the top. A window will pop up, in which the correct information may be filled in.





## Calendar view and edit booking



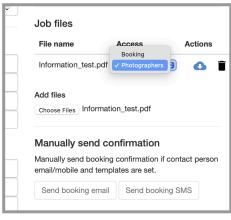
When bookings are created and photographers are selected (set as active in the left hand

side list), the calendar may look like the screenshot example above. The calendar may be viewed either by month, week or day. There is a search bar and filter choices on top that can be helpful to locate a specific shoot.

As shown each photographer has its own color to make the calendar tidy. Each shoot is presented with the job name and activity type. Mouse over the shoot to see some more information (see screenshot example to the right). To edit an already created booking click the shoot to open the edit booking window.

As mentioned in the *create booking* section, changes to eventual files uploaded to the booking may be done in the edit window. Booking confirmation may be sent manually from the edit window if contact person email/mobile and templates are set.







#### **Booking color codes**

RED: New booking not confirmed by photographer, and there are less than 12

days left until the first job activity

YELLOW: New booking not confirmed by photographer, and there are more than 12

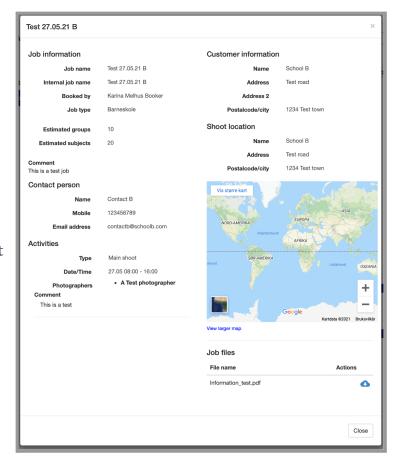
days left until the first job activity

GREEN: Booking confirmed by photographer

WHITE: Photographer is unavailable at this date/time

## The photographers read only calendar view

When a photographer logs in to domain/booking to view the calendar all booking details shown will be presented as read only including a Google map for the photoshoot location. If the photographer has been defined as head photographer for the booking he/she will have the possibility to mark the booking as confirmed. The photographer may also download files relevant to the job. If such files are uploaded they are located in the bottom right corner in the booking details window (see example screenshot).





### **Warnings**

#### **Unconfirmed booking warning**

In Admin-Settings one may define the number of days before an activity starts warning emails and sms to photographers that a booking is unconfirmed shall start distributing. The default value of 12 days will be used if no other value is defined. Value=0 will disable automatic email and sms booking reminders.

- ➤ 12 days (if not changed in Admin-Settings) before a job activity is due all photographers added to the booking will receive a standardised text by email and sms:
  - Email: It is now 12 days left until the photoshoot at *job name activity name*. Please contact *contact person name*, *telephone*, *email* to confirm all details with them, and then login to *domain/booking/jobname* to confirm that this is done.
  - SMS: It is now 12 days left until the photoshoot at *job name activity name*. Please contact *contact person name, telephone, email* to confirm all details.
- ➤ When there are 11 days (if not changed in Admin-Settings) or less until a job activity is due, and the booking still is not confirmed by the head photographer, all photographers added to the booking will receive a standardised text by email and sms:
  - Email: It is now 11-10-9-8.. days left until the photo shoot at *job name activity name*. Please contact *contact person name*, *telephone*, *email* immediately to confirm all details with them, and then login to *domain/booking/jobname* to confirm that this is done.
  - SMS: It is now 11-10-9-8.. days left until the photo shoot at *job name activity name*. Please contact *contact person name, telephone, email* immediately to confirm all details.

#### Changes

- If the photoshoot changes date/time/location all photographers added to the booking will receive a standardised text by email and sms, and an email will be sent to contact person email: The details for job name activity name has changed. @ACTIVITIES@ / @SHOOT\_LOCATION@ has been changed from old info till new info.
- ➤ If one or more photographers are removed or added to a booking *all* photographers added to the booking will receive a standardised text by email and sms:

  Photographers defined for *job name activity name* has changed from *previous list of photographers* to *new list of photographers*.





# How to define Booking confirmed email / SMS in /admin.

Templates for the *Booking confirmed email* and *Booking confirmed SMS* are created by opening *communication templates* (located in the left hand side

menu in /admin), creating a new sms or email template, adding the text of your choice and using the following tags where applicable:

- @ACTIVITIES@ Lists activities for a job
- @SHOOT\_LOCATION@ The name and address for the shoot location
- @BOOKER\_INFO@ Name and contact information to the booker/customer contact
- @PHOTOGRAPHER\_INFO@ Name and contact information to the photographer in charge
- ➤ @JOBTYPE@

  The job type name (Ex. School photo, Sport photo)

The mail template then needs to be defined as 'Booking confirmed email' in the appropriate job type settings.

When a booking has been created and the booker has clicked *Create booking and send confirmations* an email containing the booking details will be sent to *contact person email* and all photographers added to the booking.



