



Deposits and Cancellation Clauses Explained

Deposits or Booking Fees

The deposit or booking fee is a non-refundable charge requested by many quilt professionals. It is often deducted from the final cost of the contracted engagement. Many teachers require this fee along with a signed contract before they will hold a date for your guild.

If the guild must cancel the engagement, this fee is a small percentage of the compensation that your quilting professional has lost. In order to reserve your spot the teacher has said no to other organizations that could have hired her/him at that time. The booking fee or deposit is most often, just the commitment that a guild makes, to confirm that they are willing to do the necessary advertising and work to fill the class.

Cancellation Clauses

A cancellation clause in a contract is protection for both the guild and the quilting professional. A 30 - 60 day lead time minimizes financial loss for both parties.

When a group cancels 30-60 days prior to an event, the quilting professional cannot fill the cancelled dates with other paid work. Often, a quilting professional has turned down other work in favor of your booked dates. Fees associated with a cancellation clause are protection for the teachers income and motivation for the guild to fill the event.

We are all human and recognize that there can be unavoidable circumstances. Most teachers are more than happy to do everything possible to reschedule events that are cancelled at the last minute due to illness or weather without penalty.