

A user account for guest bookings

For guest bookings the plugin can create a Joomla user account automatically and link it to the booking. The participant can log in later and see their bookings in the frontend — without you having to create the account by hand.

The option

In the plugin options, *create a user account for guest bookings* controls the behaviour:

As configured in DPCalendar	Default — the DPCalendar setting <i>registration</i> of the booking system applies.
Yes	An account is always created for backend guest bookings, regardless of the DPCalendar setting.
No	No account is ever created.

When an account is created

An account is only created when all conditions are met:

- The booking has the status **active**.
- There is **no account yet** for the email address. (If there is one, the booking stays a guest booking — nothing is linked silently.)
- The backend user doing this is allowed to **create users** in Joomla (permission of the user manager). Without that permission the booking is saved normally and a warning is shown.

The account receives the guest's full name, the email address as the username, a random password with a forced password change, and the default user group configured in Joomla.

With or without sending email

- **Send emails = yes:** Joomla sends the usual registration email. Depending on the settings of the Joomla user manager it contains an activation link.
- **Send emails = no:** the account is created *silently* — active, but without any email. The participant gets access later via *forgot password*. A notice in the backend confirms the silent account creation.

So the account creation does not fail just because sending email is switched off — a deliberate difference from Joomla's standard behaviour, which discards accounts when sending the email fails.

Privacy

Only create accounts when the participant agrees — because they asked for access on the phone, for instance. No account is required for merely recording a booking; the option can be set to *no* at any time.

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