

FedRAMP Readiness Checklist

This checklist will help you assess your organization's readiness for FedRAMP authorization. Use this as a guide to identify gaps and prioritize remediation efforts.

1. ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS

- Executive sponsorship identified and committed
- Dedicated FedRAMP project manager assigned
- Budget allocated for authorization process (\$250K-\$750K typical)
- Timeline established (12-18 months for initial authorization)
- Internal security team identified or ISSO consultant engaged

2. TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Cloud environment deployed in FedRAMP-authorized infrastructure
- System boundary clearly defined and documented
- Data flow diagrams created
- Network architecture documented
- Encryption at rest implemented (FIPS 140-2 validated)
- Encryption in transit implemented (TLS 1.2+)
- Multi-factor authentication deployed

3. SECURITY CONTROLS (NIST 800-53)

- Access Control (AC) family implemented
- Audit and Accountability (AU) family implemented
- Security Assessment (CA) family implemented
- Configuration Management (CM) family implemented
- Contingency Planning (CP) family implemented
- Identification and Authentication (IA) family implemented
- Incident Response (IR) family implemented
- System and Communications Protection (SC) family implemented

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4. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- System Security Plan (SSP) drafted
- Security Assessment Plan (SAP) template ready
- Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) process established
- Incident Response Plan documented
- Configuration Management Plan documented
- Contingency Plan documented and tested
- Privacy Impact Assessment completed (if applicable)

5. CONTINUOUS MONITORING

- Vulnerability scanning tools deployed (monthly scans required)
- SIEM or log management solution implemented
- Penetration testing scheduled (annual requirement)
- POA&M tracking process established
- Significant change process documented

6. 3PAO ENGAGEMENT

- FedRAMP-recognized 3PAO identified
- 3PAO engagement timeline established
- Readiness Assessment scheduled (recommended)
- Security Assessment scheduled

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