



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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