

Release Readiness Checklist

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Critical Flows — Smoke Test

- Login flow (email + password, SSO)
- Primary user dashboard load
- Checkout flow (end-to-end)
- Error state handling (400, 500, timeout)
- Payment confirmation flow

Cross-Browser Validation

- Chrome (latest stable)
- Safari (macOS + iOS)
- Edge (Windows)
- Firefox (latest stable)

Accessibility Checks

- Keyboard navigation (Tab, Enter, Escape)
- Focus indicators visible
- Color contrast minimum 4.5:1
- Screen reader testing (NVDA/VoiceOver)
- Alt text for images

Performance Budget

Lighthouse Performance	> 90
First Contentful Paint	< 1.8s
Largest Contentful Paint	< 2.5s
Cumulative Layout Shift	< 0.1

QA Lead: _____

Product Owner: _____

Engineering Lead: _____

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What this checklist covers

- Acceptance criteria + Definition of Done
- Critical flows smoke test (desktop + mobile)
- Cross-browser validation (Chrome / Safari / Edge)
- Accessibility checks (keyboard, focus, contrast)
- Performance budget (Lighthouse targets)
- Analytics + error monitoring validation
- Bug severity + triage rules
- Release sign-off + rollback notes

Release gates

- ✓ Must-pass: Accessibility
- ✓ Must-pass: Critical flows
- ✓ Must-pass: Performance budget
- ✓ Must-pass: Cross-browser
- ✓ Must-pass: Analytics events

Severity rubric

Blocker — Prevents release or breaks critical flow

High — Major impact on user experience

Medium — Noticeable issue, has workaround

Low — Minor cosmetic or edge case

Planned artifacts

UAT Script Sample

User acceptance testing scenarios with validation criteria and expected outcomes.

Bug Triage Workflow

Severity classification, escalation paths, and resolution tracking framework.

Accessibility Validation Notes

WCAG compliance checklist with keyboard navigation and screen reader testing.

Notes

Document control

This checklist is sanitized for portfolio use. Replace with your full release checklist for production.

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