☑ GEO Checklist: Generative Engine Optimization
Use this checklist to ensure your content and site are optimized for Generative Engine Overviews and AI-powered discovery experiences.
1. Technical Foundation Ensure the technical integrity of your site to support visibility and crawling:
☐ Fast page load speeds (especially on mobile)
□ Valid, semantic HTML structure
☐ Structured data (schema markup) implemented
☐ Mobile-friendly and accessible design
☐ Clean internal linking with crawlable hierarchy
☐ HTTPS encryption enabled
☐ Sitemap.xml and robots.txt properly configured
☐ Avoid duplicate content and orphan pages
2. E-E-A-T Signals (Experience, Expertise, Authoritativeness, Trust)
Demonstrate your authority and trustworthiness to both users and AI systems
☐ Author bios with credentials or lived experience
☐ Transparent editorial policies or disclosures
☐ Outbound links to high-authority sources
☐ Regular content updates and revision timestamps

☐ Visible contact or support info
\square Social proof: mentions, reviews, or media citations
☐ Clear domain or brand identity
© 3. Conversational Structure Make your content easy for AI to parse, quote, and summarize in natural language:
☐ Use headings as questions (FAQ-style)
☐ Direct, first-person or second-person tone
☐ Structured answers: short intro + detail + examples
☐ Chunk content into scannable sections
☐ Use bolded phrases and icon boxes for clarity
☐ Include TL;DRs, summaries, or key takeaways
☐ Avoid fluff—write like you're speaking to a person
Bonus: GEO Momentum Principles Keep the flywheel turning by aligning all forces together:
☐ Technical health supports crawl and index
☐ E-E-A-T builds trust with engines and users
☐ Conversational structure increases inclusion in AI answers
☐ All three reinforce each other to build "GEO Momentum"

Pro Tip: Review this checklist regularly as search and generative engines evolve. What works in today's SERP may look very different in AI-first interfaces tomorrow.