Release Documentation Template

Environment: [ENVIRONMENT]

Deployment Type: [DEPLOYMENT TYPE]

Release Date: [DATE]
Git Commit: [COMMIT SHA]

Git Tag: [TAG]

Pre-Deployment State

Git Information

• Commit SHA: [COMMIT_SHA]

• Branch: [BRANCH]

• Tag: [TAG]

• Previous Tag: [PREV TAG]

Configuration Validation

[ANSIBLE SYNTAX CHECK RESULTS]

Pre-deployment Checklist

- [] All required approvals obtained
- [] Change window scheduled and communicated
- [] Rollback procedures tested and ready
- [] Monitoring dashboards accessible
- [] On-call team notified

Deployment Execution

Timeline

- T-15: Final pre-flight checks
- T-0: Deployment initiation
- T+5: Deployment to idle environment
- T+25: Smoke tests on idle pool
- T+35: Traffic switch
- T+45: Post-switch verification
- T+60: Go/No-Go decision point

Commands Used

[ACTUAL_COMMANDS_EXECUTED]

Deployment Metrics

• Total Duration: [DURATION]

• **Downtime:** [DOWNTIME]

Success Rate: [SUCCESS_RATE]Rollback Required: [YES/NO]

Post-Deployment Validation

SLO Compliance

[SLO RESULTS]

System Metrics

[SYSTEM METRICS]

Performance Comparison

Metric	Pre-Deploy	Post-Deploy	Change	Status
P95 Latency	[PRE] ms	[POST] ms	[CHANGE]	[STATUS]
Error Rate	[PRE]%	[POST]%	[CHANGE]	[STATUS]
Throughput	[PRE] RPS	[POST] RPS	[CHANGE]	[STATUS]
CPU Usage	[PRE]%	[POST]%	[CHANGE]	[STATUS]

Health Check Results

[HEALTH_CHECK_OUTPUT]

Golden Path Test Results

Blue-Green Switch: [PASS/FAIL]Monitoring Pipeline: [PASS/FAIL]

• **Self-Healing:** [PASS/FAIL]

Go/No-Go Decision Points

T+60 Checkpoint /

- [x] 5xx error rate within baseline (< 0.2%)
- [x] P95 latency within ±10% tolerance
- [x] All health checks passing
- [x] No critical alerts fired

• Decision: GO / NO-GO

• Rationale: [DECISION_RATIONALE]

T+120 Checkpoint /

- [x] System metrics stable for 60+ minutes
- [x] No degradation in user experience
- [x] All monitoring dashboards green
- [x] Customer impact assessment complete

• Decision: GO / NO-GO

• Rationale: [DECISION_RATIONALE]

Issues and Resolutions

Issues Encountered

Issue: [DESCRIPTION]

 Impact: [IMPACT_LEVEL]
 Resolution: [RESOLUTION]
 Duration: [RESOLUTION_TIME]

Alerts Generated

Time	Alert	Severity	Resolution	Duration
[TIME]	[ALERT]	[SEVERITY]	[RESOLUTION]	[DURATION]

Rollback Information

Rollback Readiness

• Rollback Tested: [YES/NO]

• Rollback Time: [ESTIMATED_TIME]

Rollback Procedures: [LINK_TO_PROCEDURES]

Rollback Stubs Created

• Traffic Flip Stub: [STUB LOCATION]

Full Code Rollback Stub: [STUB_LOCATION]
 Emergency Contacts: [CONTACT_INFO]

Follow-up Actions

Immediate (Next 24 hours)

- [] Monitor error rates and performance metrics
- [] Validate all automated tests continue passing
- [] Review any alerts or warnings generated
- [] Update team on deployment status

Short-term (Next week)

- [] Archive old deployment artifacts
- [] Update runbooks with lessons learned
- [] Conduct deployment retrospective

• [] Update monitoring thresholds if needed

Long-term (Next sprint)

- [] Optimize deployment process based on feedback
- [] Implement any identified improvements
- [] Update documentation and training materials
- [] Plan next phase enhancements

Lessons Learned

What Went Well

• [POSITIVE_FEEDBACK]

What Could Be Improved

• [IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES]

Action Items

- [ACTION_ITEM_1] Owner: [OWNER] Due: [DATE]
- [ACTION_ITEM_2] Owner: [OWNER] Due: [DATE]

Approval and Sign-off

Technical Validation

- Deployment Engineer: [NAME] [DATE] ✓
- Site Reliability Engineer: [NAME] [DATE] ✓
- Security Engineer: [NAME] [DATE] ✓

Business Validation

- Product Owner: [NAME] [DATE] ✓
- Engineering Manager: [NAME] [DATE] ✓

Final Approval

• Release Manager: [NAME] - [DATE] - ✓

Evidence Package

All deployment evidence is available in: [EVIDENCE_LOCATION]

- Git Information: [EVIDENCE_DIR]/git/
- Ansible Validation: [EVIDENCE DIR]/ansible/
- Monitoring Results: [EVIDENCE_DIR]/monitoring/
- Validation Results: [EVIDENCE_DIR]/validation/
- Command History: [EVIDENCE_DIR]/commands/
- Evidence Archive: [EVIDENCE_ARCHIVE]

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