

Node.js / Express HTTP Status Codes Cheat Sheet

Code	Name	Meaning	Example
200	OK	Request successful	res.status(200).send("Success");
201	Created	Resource successfully created	res.status(201).json({id: 1, msg: "User created"});
204	No Content	Request successful but no content to return	res.status(204).send();
400	Bad Request	Client sent invalid data	res.status(400).send("Bad Request");
401	Unauthorized	Authentication required or failed	res.status(401).send("Unauthorized");
403	Forbidden	Client does not have permission	res.status(403).send("Forbidden");
404	Not Found	Requested resource not found	res.status(404).send("Not Found");
409	Conflict	Conflict in request (duplicate resource etc.)	res.status(409).send("Conflict");
500	Internal Server Error	Server error	res.status(500).send("Server Error");
502	Bad Gateway	Invalid response from another server	res.status(502).send("Bad Gateway");
503	Service Unavailable	Server temporarily unavailable	res.status(503).send("Service Unavailable");

Quick Tips:

- 200 / 201 / 204 -> Success
- 400 series -> Client errors
- 500 series -> Server errors
- Use `res.status(code).send()` or `res.status(code).json()` in Express
- Example: POST API -> 201 if created, 400 if invalid input