

Entry Criteria Checklist

QA readiness checklist for starting testing

1. Requirements, Acceptance Criteria, and Scope

- User stories, requirements, or feature specifications are documented
- Acceptance criteria are clear and testable
- Edge cases and non-functional expectations are identified
- Scope boundaries are defined
- Changes to requirements are reviewed
- Stakeholders agree on success conditions

2. Build and Environment Readiness

- Latest build is deployed and stable
- Deployment steps completed successfully
- No build failures
- Environment configuration is correct
- Access and permissions provided
- Logs and monitoring tools available

3. Test Data and Test Accounts

- Test data prepared and valid
- Boundary and negative test values prepared
- Test accounts created
- External dependencies configured
- Mocks/stubs available if required

4. Test Planning and Documentation

- Test plan or checklist completed
- Test approach reviewed
- Risks and assumptions identified
- Required tools are ready
- Traceability between requirements and tests completed

5. Communication and Readiness

- Developer walkthrough completed
- Known limitations communicated
- Testing timelines agreed
- Defect assignment rules understood

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- Communication channels confirmed
- Prior blockers reviewed

6. Defect Status and Blockers

- No critical unresolved defects
- No environment issues blocking testing
- Dependencies from other teams ready
- No merge conflicts affecting the build

7. Compliance and Quality Checks

- Security considerations reviewed
- Data privacy rules understood
- Code review completed
- Feature flags configured
- Logging/monitoring active