

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