

Release Readiness Checklist

25 checkpoints our QA engineers run before every production sign-off

HOW TO USE THIS LIST

Run it against the exact build you intend to ship. Any unchecked box is a release risk you found before your users did — which is the whole point.

● FUNCTIONALITY

5 checks

- ☐ 01 Every critical user journey passes end-to-end on a real device — not just the simulator
- ☐ 02 Regression suite executed against the exact release-candidate build (not a dev build)
- ☐ 03 Payment / purchase flows tested with declines, retries, timeouts and double-tap protection
- ☐ 04 Push notifications and deep links open the correct screen from cold, background and foreground states
- ☐ 05 All forms validated: required fields, max lengths, special characters, paste input

● COMPATIBILITY

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- ☐ 06 Verified on the oldest OS version you officially support (iOS and Android)
- ☐ 07 Tested on at least one low-end / low-memory Android device
- ☐ 08 Layout checked on smallest and largest supported screens, portrait and landscape
- ☐ 09 Dark mode and light mode both reviewed on every primary screen
- ☐ 10 Web builds verified in Chrome, Safari, Firefox and Edge (including one mobile browser)

● RESILIENCE & PERFORMANCE

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- ☐ 11 Offline and poor-network behavior verified for all data-entry screens (nothing lost)
- ☐ 12 App survives interruptions: incoming call, low battery, backgrounding mid-transaction
- ☐ 13 Cold-start time measured and acceptable on the low-end reference device
- ☐ 14 Memory: no crash after extended use of media-heavy screens (scroll 5+ minutes)
- ☐ 15 Upload / download of the largest allowed file size completes and can be cancelled safely

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SECURITY & PRIVACY

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- ☐ 16 No sensitive data (tokens, passwords, PII) visible in logs, URLs, or crash reports
- ☐ 17 Session expiry handled gracefully — user is re-authenticated, never shown broken screens
- ☐ 18 Account deletion and data-export flows work as promised in the privacy policy
- ☐ 19 Permissions (camera, location, notifications) degrade gracefully when denied
- ☐ 20 Certificate pinning / HTTPS enforced — verified with a proxy tool (e.g. Charles)

RELEASE OPERATIONS

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- ☐ 21 Rollback plan documented AND tested before the release window
- ☐ 22 Crash reporting and analytics verified as firing on the release build
- ☐ 23 Store metadata reviewed: screenshots current, version notes accurate, age rating correct
- ☐ 24 Feature flags default states double-checked for the production environment
- ☐ 25 A named person is on-call for the first 24h post-release, with an agreed hotfix path

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