

# SOC 2 Type II Readiness Checklist

Prepare for your SOC 2 audit by verifying controls across all five Trust Service Criteria.

SOC 2 Type II requires demonstrating that controls are effective over time (typically 6-12 months). Use this checklist to assess your readiness before engaging an auditor.

## SECURITY (COMMON CRITERIA — REQUIRED)

- Formal information security policy documented, approved by management, and distributed to all staff
- Risk assessment performed annually with documented risk register and treatment plan
- Logical access controls: unique user IDs, MFA, role-based access, quarterly access reviews
- Network security: firewalls, IDS/IPS, network segmentation, encrypted connections
- Change management process: documented approval, testing, and rollback procedures for all system changes
- Incident response plan documented, tested annually, and incidents are tracked and resolved
- Vulnerability management: regular scanning, timely patching, and penetration testing at least annually

## AVAILABILITY

- System uptime monitoring in place with defined SLAs and escalation procedures
- Disaster recovery plan documented and tested at least annually
- Redundancy implemented for critical systems (failover, load balancing, geo-redundancy)
- Capacity planning process ensures resources meet current and projected demand

## PROCESSING INTEGRITY

- Data processing is complete, valid, accurate, and timely with documented quality checks
- Error handling and exception reporting procedures are in place and monitored
- Automated and manual reconciliation processes validate data accuracy

## CONFIDENTIALITY

- Data classification policy defines confidential data and handling requirements
- Encryption enforced for confidential data at rest and in transit
- Data retention and disposal policies are documented and followed
- NDAs and confidentiality agreements are executed with employees and third parties

## PRIVACY

- Privacy notice published and accessible, describing data collection, use, and sharing practices

- Consent mechanisms in place for collection of personal data
- Data subject access and deletion requests can be fulfilled within required timeframes
- Third-party data processors are assessed and bound by data processing agreements