

# QA checklist before release (free, no signup)

A pre-release QA checklist to run before you ship: smoke test, functional checks, cross-browser and device, regressions, errors, and pre-deploy. Free PDF, no signup.

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## Smoke test (the critical paths)

- Core journeys work end to end — sign up, log in, the primary action
- Checkout or payment completes, if the product has one
- Nothing on the critical path 500s, hangs, or shows a broken page

## Functional

- Every form validates and submits; success and error states both work
- Auth works: login, logout, password reset, and session expiry
- Edge cases handled: empty inputs, very long inputs, special characters
- Permissions are correct — each role sees only what it should

## Cross-browser and device

- Tested in Chrome, Safari, and Firefox
- Tested on a real mobile device, not just a resized desktop window  
*Touch, viewport, and mobile-Safari quirks don't show up in desktop dev tools.*

## Regressions

- Re-tested the areas this release directly changed
- Re-tested anything that shares code with the changed areas  
*Regressions hide in the code a change touches indirectly, not just the lines you edited.*

## Data and errors

- No new errors in the browser console on the main flows
- Server logs are clean of new errors under normal use
- Error states show a useful message, never a raw stack trace

## Pre-deploy

- Production environment variables and secrets are set
- Feature flags are in their intended state for launch
- There's a rollback plan if the release goes wrong



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