Training Readiness Checklist

A practical worksheet for confirming that training materials, audiences, delivery logistics, trainers, support resources, and adoption follow-up are ready before a technology launch, workflow change, commercialization initiative, pilot, or operational improvement project.

Project Snapshot

Organization / Team	
Project, Product, System, or Change Initiative	
Training Lead / Change Lead	
Target Launch or Training Date	
Primary Learner Groups	
Current Stage	☐ Planning ☐ Pilot ☐ Launch Prep ☐ Implementation ☐ Scale-Up

How to Use This Checklist

- Use this checklist before a training event, pilot launch, system rollout, commercialization handoff, or workflow transition.
- Assess readiness across content, role alignment, trainer preparation, delivery logistics, accessibility, leadership reinforcement, and post-training support.
- Mark each item as ready, partially ready, or not ready, and assign owners to unresolved gaps.
- Revisit this checklist after the first training session or pilot cohort to capture lessons learned before scale-up.

Readiness Rating Key

Rating	Meaning	Recommended Action
Ready	Training element is complete, reviewed, and usable for the intended audience.	Proceed; confirm final owner and date.
Partially Ready	Training element exists but needs revision, testing, localization, or approval.	Assign owner and deadline before launch.
Not Ready	Training element is missing, unclear, or insufficient for user adoption.	Escalate as launch risk and create immediate action plan.
Not Applicable	This item does not apply to the initiative or user group.	Document rationale if the item is material.

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Core Training Readiness Checklist

Use the following sections to confirm that training is practical, role-specific, accessible, and connected to real adoption requirements.

1. Training Strategy and Audience Definition

☐ Training goals are tied to specific adoption, commercialization, launch, or workflow outcomes.	☐ Prerequisite knowledge, tools, accounts, data access, or permissions are clearly defined.
☐ Learner groups have been identified by role, responsibility, authority, and expected behavior change.	☐ Leadership has approved the training approach and understands the time commitment required.
☐ Training needs are differentiated for end users, managers, administrators, customer-facing teams, and support staff.	☐ Training success criteria are defined before delivery begins.

2. Training Content and Materials

☐ Training slides, guides, scripts, job aids, or videos are drafted and reviewed.	☐ Common errors, exceptions, and troubleshooting steps are included.
☐ Materials explain both what is changing and why the change matters.	☐ Materials are version-controlled and stored where trainers and learners can access them.
☐ Instructions include practical examples, screenshots, use cases, or workflow scenarios.	☐ Training includes a short reference guide or post-session takeaway document.
☐ Materials are tailored to the terminology and day-to-day context of the audience.	☐ Content avoids unnecessary jargon and explains new concepts in plain language.

3. Delivery Logistics and Access

☐ Training dates, times, session owners, locations, or meeting links are confirmed.	☐ Participants have the required system access, accounts, files, data, or test environment access.
☐ Invitations include objectives, pre-work, expected time commitment, and required preparation.	☐ Backup plans are in place for technical failures, absent trainers, or low attendance.
☐ Rooms, virtual meeting tools, recordings, captions, and accessibility needs are addressed.	☐ Attendance tracking and completion records are prepared.

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Training Readiness by Workstream

Rate each area and document evidence. This table can be used as a working readiness review before launch or scale-up.

Area	Ready?	Notes / Evidence	Owner	Follow-Up Needed
Audience segmentation	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
Role-based learning objectives	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
Training materials drafted	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
Materials reviewed by subject matter experts	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
Trainer preparation	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
System access / environment readiness	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
Scheduling and communications	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			
Post-training support plan	☐ Ready ☐ Partial ☐ Not Ready			

Role-Based Training Needs Matrix

Learner Group	What They Need to Do Differently	Training Format	Required Materials	Owner / Due Date
Executives / Sponsors		☐ Briefing ☐ Demo ☐ Dashboard Review		
Managers / Team Leads		☐ Workshop ☐ Playbook ☐ Q&A		
End Users		☐ Live Training ☐ Job Aid ☐ Practice Session		
Administrators / Operators		☐ Technical Training ☐ SOP ☐ Simulation		
Customer-Facing Staff		☐ Script ☐ FAQ ☐ Scenario Practice		
Support / Help Desk		☐ Troubleshooting Guide ☐ Escalation Map		

Trainer and Facilitator Readiness

Trainer Preparation Checklist

☐ Trainer understands the project goals, adoption risks, and expected learner outcomes.	☐ Trainer knows how to handle common objections, questions, and resistance points.
☐ Trainer has reviewed all materials and can explain the workflow or technology in practical terms.	☐ Trainer knows how to document issues that emerge during the session.
☐ Trainer has access to the correct demo environment, files, accounts, data, and examples.	☐ Backup facilitator or technical support contact is identified.
☐ Trainer has rehearsed the session and tested timing, links, recordings, and exercises.	☐ Post-session follow-up responsibilities are clear.

Training Content Quality Review

Review Question	Yes / No / Partial	Notes / Required Revision
Does the training explain the business, research, customer, or operational reason for the change?		
Does the content show the exact actions users must take after training?		
Are examples realistic for the target audience?		
Are screenshots, workflows, forms, or system steps current?		
Does the training address common concerns, errors, and exceptions?		
Can a learner use the materials later without the trainer present?		

Practice, Simulation, and Validation

Practice Readiness Checklist

☐ Learners have a safe practice environment or sample scenario where appropriate.	☐ There is a way to confirm understanding before learners return to regular work.
☐ Exercises reflect real workflows, customer interactions, data entry tasks, decisions, or handoffs.	☐ Feedback from practice activities will be captured and used to revise materials.
☐ Practice tasks are short enough to complete during the session.	☐ Critical steps are reinforced through job aids, checklists, templates, or quick-reference cards.

Communication and Adoption Support

Pre-Training Communication Checklist

☐ Participants know why they are being trained and what will be expected after training.	☐ FAQs or talking points are ready for common concerns.
☐ Managers understand their role in reinforcing the new behavior or workflow.	☐ The communication plan explains where users can get help after training.
☐ Training invitations include the right context, not just a calendar hold.	☐ Leadership message or sponsor note is prepared when useful.

Post-Training Support Checklist

☐ Help desk, support owner, or escalation pathway is clearly identified.	☐ Follow-up office hours, refreshers, or coaching sessions are scheduled if needed.
☐ Users know where to find job aids, recordings, SOPs, templates, or guides.	☐ Managers have a checklist for reinforcing adoption after training.
☐ Questions and issues from training will be logged and reviewed.	☐ Usage, completion, satisfaction, and adoption indicators will be reviewed after rollout.

Training Metrics and Evidence

Metric / Evidence Source	Target	Current Status	Owner	Follow-Up
Training attendance / completion				
Knowledge check or competency confirmation				
Learner confidence or satisfaction				
Help requests or issue volume after training				
Usage, adoption, or workflow compliance indicator				
Manager confirmation of behavior change				

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Training Readiness Action Plan

Use this section to resolve gaps before training begins or before the next learner cohort is added.

Gap / Risk	Required Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
				☐ Open ☐ In Progress ☐ Done
				☐ Open ☐ In Progress ☐ Done
				☐ Open ☐ In Progress ☐ Done
				☐ Open ☐ In Progress ☐ Done
				☐ Open ☐ In Progress ☐ Done

Final Readiness Sign-Off

Sign-Off Area	Name / Role	Date	Comments
Training lead			
Project or change sponsor			
Operations / implementation owner			
Support owner			

Final Go / No-Go Questions

Before Launch or Next Cohort

☐ Do users know what is changing and what they are expected to do?	☐ Are managers prepared to reinforce the new behavior?
☐ Are training materials complete enough to support use after the session?	☐ Is support available when users encounter problems?
☐ Are trainers, systems, accounts, and logistics ready?	☐ Are unresolved training gaps acceptable, or should launch be delayed?

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