

Checklist for Successful Onboarding

Preparation - Start before Day 1

Send out necessary paperwork	
Perform relevant background checks	
Prepare the work environment	
- Allocate IT and other equipment	
- Desk / Workspace / Stationery	
- Grant system access	
- Supply office key codes	
- Ensure any special accommodations required are addressed and organised	
Announce new hire to existing staff	
Inform payroll department	
Issue employment contract	
Send a welcome email that outlines expectations	
Plan Day 1 onboarding and agenda	

Day 1 – Make first Impressions Count

When possible, greet them at the door	
Introduce them to the team they will be working with, including direct line manager	
Provide an office / workplace tour	
Provide phone directory/email contacts with new employee details added	
Supply a copy of the Organizational Chart	
Inform them of the location of:	
- Restroom	ļ
- Break room	
- Coffee machine	ļ
- Water cooler	
Set expectations with a roles and responsibilities document	
Present an overview of the company history	
Present and discuss company culture	
Issue staff member with:	
- Code of conduct	
- Employee handbook	
- Company policies	
Present a welcome gift (Company swag, personal coffee cup or similar)	
Set an agenda and goals for the week ahead	



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Day 1/Week 1 - Orientate and engage

Organize direct manager daily check-in	
Work with new hire to plan week 1 assignments	
Build in goals with early success scenarios	
Provide role specific training, ensuring to explain the 'why' they are performing this role, not	
just the 'how'	
Introduce senior team members	
Organize a team lunch	
Explain expenses process and benefits offered	
Present vacation/sickness procedures	
Set SMART goals for the probation period	
End of week HR check-in	

End of Month 1 - Communicate and support

Continue with weekly check-in	
Ongoing training and support	
Offer to re-visit any tasks or action points (anything they missed or had questions over)	
Undertake a social and emotional wellness check	

Ongoing - Growth and Development

Quarterly HR check-ins	
SMART goals	
Probation meeting	
Undertake a social and emotional wellness check	
Performance reviews	
Celebrate anniversary	



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Remote Onboarding - Additional considerations when virtually onboarding

Deliver equipment ahead of time	
Have IT call to ensure set-up and access ahead of Day 1	
Schedule first meeting and first week	
Provide a welcome buddy	
Make sure new member is added to all communication channels	
(e.g. Email, Slack, MS Teams)	
Provide a welcome meeting with the whole team – a Hello and a smile can make a big	
difference!	
Discuss the option of greater flexibility, such as slower paced training	
Company history, culture – Try a live presentation so questions can be asked	
Set expectations early	
Provide fun, interactive team activities	