

Cloud Readiness Assessment Checklist

A framework for evidence-backed transformation decisions. From the Tidal Enterprise Modernization Methodology™.

Business and scope

- ☐ Business objectives documented with measurable goals
- ☐ In-scope applications and environments defined
- ☐ Success criteria defined (cost, performance, risk, time)
- ☐ Executive sponsor and business owners identified
- ☐ Constraints documented (deadlines, compliance, budget, regulatory)

Inventory and discovery

- ☐ Application inventory complete with owners and criticality
- ☐ Infrastructure inventory complete (servers, storage, network, platforms)
- ☐ Dependencies mapped (upstream, downstream, shared data, integrations)
- ☐ Source-code and database analysis completed where relevant
- ☐ Application-owner interviews scheduled and completed
- ☐ Evidence confidence and gaps documented

Assessment dimensions

- ☐ Business value and criticality scored per application
- ☐ Technical fitness and lifecycle assessed
- ☐ Cloud suitability evaluated with constraints documented
- ☐ Modernization opportunity evaluated
- ☐ AI-readiness signals assessed where relevant
- ☐ Risk and complexity scored
- ☐ Cost and benefit modelled against a measured baseline
- ☐ Dependency and sequencing constraints mapped

- ☐ Organizational and operating-model readiness assessed

Outcomes and roadmap

- ☐ Disposition decision per application with supporting evidence
- ☐ Migration or transformation waves defined with dependencies
- ☐ Business case with cost, benefit, and ROI documented
- ☐ Executive roadmap with owners, timing, and funding
- ☐ Evidence gaps and next actions documented
- ☐ Governance and reassessment cadence defined