



HR Checklist for Entrepreneurs & HR Professionals

This HR checklist is designed to help entrepreneurs and HR professionals streamline their human resources processes, ensure compliance, and build a productive workforce.

Use this guide to optimize HR functions and drive business success.



HR Strategy & Compliance

- Define HR goals and policies aligned with business objectives.
- Ensure compliance with Nigerian labor laws (Contracts, Pensions, NHF, ITF, PAYE).
- Develop an employee handbook covering workplace policies and benefits.
- Implement data protection and employee confidentiality policies.
- Register with regulatory bodies (PENCOM, NSITF, NHF) for compliance.

Talent Acquisition & Recruitment

- Define job roles, responsibilities, and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Standardize the hiring process (job descriptions, screening, interviews).
- Use AI-powered applicant tracking systems (ATS) to streamline recruitment.
- Conduct structured interviews to assess candidates effectively.
- Perform background checks and reference verifications.

Employee Onboarding & Engagement

- Develop a structured onboarding program for new hires.
- Assign a mentor or buddy for new employees.
- Provide access to company policies, tools, and communication channels.
- Set clear performance expectations for the first 90 days.
- Encourage feedback and check-ins during the onboarding process.

Performance Management & Employee Development

- Establish a performance appraisal system with KPIs and OKRs.
- Conduct regular one-on-one performance reviews and feedback sessions.
- Implement a learning & development (L&D) program for employee growth.
- Encourage a culture of continuous learning through training workshops.
- Recognize and reward employees for achievements to boost motivation.

Compensation, Payroll & Benefits

- Set up a structured payroll system for accurate salary payments.
- Ensure timely remittance of PAYE tax, pension contributions, and deductions.
- Offer competitive employee benefits (health insurance, bonuses, training).
- Automate payroll processing to reduce errors and inefficiencies.



Employee Relations & Workplace Culture

- Establish HR policies for workplace safety, ethics, and anti-harassment.
- Promote workplace diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.
- Develop a conflict resolution process for handling grievances.
- Organize team-building activities to boost employee morale.

HR Technology & Automation

- Implement HR software for recruitment, payroll, and performance management.
- Use employee self-service portals for leave requests and document access.
- Leverage AI and HR analytics for data-driven decision-making.

Employee Retention & Succession Planning

- Identify and develop high-potential employees for leadership roles.
- Implement a succession plan for key positions to ensure business continuity.
- Conduct exit interviews to gather insights and reduce turnover.

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