

01 / Prepare for implementation

A Microsoft 365 deployment affects communication, working files and daily routines. Use this guide to organize the decisions that make migration and adoption easier.

Microsoft 365 Business

A practical readiness guide

For business owners, process leaders and the people who will use and support the solution. Use this guide to settle responsibilities, surface dependencies and prepare a focused implementation conversation.

BEFORE	DURING AND AFTER
Agree the process	Validate the complete business journey, including exceptions and approvals.
Prepare the information	Rehearse migration, reconcile critical records and confirm ownership.
Prepare the people	Test real roles, support the first operating cycles and agree how improvement will be measured.

Scope before software

Business plans are designed for up to 300 users. Compare Apps for business, Business Basic, Standard and Premium, plus Copilot bundles and Teams variants. A license review should consider user roles, region, term, existing subscriptions and planned growth.

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Planning reference only. Product features, licensing and local requirements must be confirmed for your deployment. This guide does not replace an agreed statement of work or a detailed implementation plan.

02 / Settle the important decisions

Bring the owners of these areas into discovery. For each decision, record the current situation, the intended process, dependencies and who can approve the design.

DECISION AREA	WHAT TO PREPARE
People & plans	List staff roles, devices, desktop application needs, Teams requirements and expected growth.
Mail & files	Inventory domains, mailboxes, shared folders, owners, volumes and restricted information.
Access & devices	Agree administrator responsibilities, authentication, guest access and personal-device policy.
Migration readiness	Prepare pilot users, cutover timing, communications and a recovery decision.
Acceptance & support	Test mail flow, shared access and critical documents; assign a support owner and review date.

Record one measurable outcome

Choose a practical measure related to the problem you are solving. Define its calculation and source, record a baseline and agree a review date. Avoid treating a software feature as a business result.

Outcome and baseline: _____

Business owner: _____

Target and review date: _____

Decision gate

The business sponsor accepts the scope, owners and assumptions. Critical unresolved decisions have a named owner and a date for resolution.

03 / Use a visible delivery plan

Agree what evidence will be reviewed at each stage. The implementation team prepares the work; the relevant business owners accept whether it meets the agreed need.

STAGE	WORK AND ACCEPTANCE
Discover	Inventory users, subscriptions, mail and working files. Understand the interruptions the business cannot accept. Agreed scope and license assumptions.
Design	Set workspace structure, identity rules and migration waves with business owners. Accepted tenant and migration design.
Configure & pilot	Prepare the environment and test with representative users and devices. Pilot results and resolved blockers.
Migrate & enable	Move in agreed waves, verify records and train staff on their daily tasks. Business acceptance of each wave.
Support & improve	Review support issues, access and adoption, then prioritize improvements. Named owners and a review cadence.

Keep change decisions explicit

Record a requested change, why it matters, affected users, alternatives and its effect on cost, schedule and support. Separate approved scope from the future improvement backlog. Do not let informal requests silently change acceptance criteria.

Name both sides of each handoff

For integrations and cross-team processes, identify who sends information, who accepts it and who responds if it fails. A technically successful exchange can still carry the wrong business meaning.

04 / Test the business, not just the screens

Select representative scenarios from your own organization. Include ordinary work, corrections, handovers and the situations that are difficult in the current process.

CHECK	EVIDENCE TO KEEP
Process acceptance	Scenario, responsible owner, inputs, expected result and observed result. Include at least one meaningful exception for each critical process.
Data quality	Mapping, record counts or control totals, sample business checks and accepted treatment of historical records.
Roles and access	Tests for each real role, restricted records and approval boundaries. Confirm what users cannot do as well as what they can.
Connected systems	Expected update timing, duplicate handling, failed messages, recovery and reconciliation. Test realistic volumes where relevant.
User readiness	Role-based practice, short job aids, trained internal champions and a support route users can explain.

Product-specific focus

Test mail flow, shared access and critical documents; assign a support owner and review date.

Do not leave acceptance implicit

Prioritize defects by business impact. Record the approver and rationale for any accepted workaround. Retest the correction and affected scenarios before closing the issue.

Test owner: _____ Acceptance date: _____

Outstanding critical issue: _____

Decision and responsible approver: _____

05 / Launch with a plan for support

A target date is not evidence of readiness. Rehearse the transition, agree the go/no-go authority and keep implementation expertise available through the first important operating cycles.

WHEN	WHAT TO AGREE
Before launch	Task sequence, owners, data timing, user communication, support contacts and criteria for pausing or recovering the transition.
First 30 days	Prioritize issues by business impact, validate critical records and support users through the first real operating cycles.
Days 31-60	Complete handover, resolve recurring problems and update job aids. Confirm monitoring and escalation ownership.
Days 61-90	Compare early performance with the baseline and agree an improvement backlog. Set a manageable review cadence.

Define support before it is needed

Agree coverage, response arrangements and the distinction between defects, user questions, data corrections and new requirements. Assign ownership for integrations, access changes, product updates and periodic review.

Bring these details to your first conversation

Current systems and major pain points; business locations and user roles; key process owners; connected providers; known data issues; desired outcomes and timing constraints.

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