

# Help Desk Setup Checklist

Tip Sheet



# 1

## Initial system setup

- ☐ Create your help desk account
- ☐ Configure your company profile (name, logo, time zone)
- ☐ Add support email addresses and set up email forwarding
- ☐ Set up custom domain or subdomain (if applicable)

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## Add users and define roles

- ☐ Invite support agents, admins, and other team members
- ☐ Assign roles and permissions based on responsibilities
- ☐ Group users into departments or functional teams

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## Ticketing workflow configuration

- ☐ Customize ticket statuses (e.g., New, In Progress, Resolved)
- ☐ Define priority levels for tickets
- ☐ Set up automation rules (assignment, SLAs, notifications)
- ☐ Create ticket categories and tags
- ☐ Add canned responses for common replies

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## Enable communication channels

- ☐ Set up email, live chat, and contact form channels
- ☐ Integrate with social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Telegram)
- ☐ Enable chatbot or AI assistant (if supported)

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## Define business rules and SLAs

- ☐ Set your business hours and holiday calendar.
- ☐ Create SLA policies for various ticket types or teams.
- ☐ Configure escalation rules for delayed or unattended tickets.

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### Tool and system integrations

- ❑ Connect CRM, project management, or communication tools
- ❑ Configure APIs or webhooks for advanced integrations
- ❑ Enable marketplace apps or third-party integrations

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### Setting self-service options

- ❑ Build a knowledge base with categories and articles
- ❑ Enable and brand your customer portal
- ❑ Add FAQs and enable article rating/feedback options

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### Agent training and knowledge sharing

- ❑ Conduct onboarding or walkthrough sessions
- ❑ Share help articles, videos, or guides with the team
- ❑ Educate agents on ticket handling and best practices.

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### Launch and ongoing monitoring

- ❑ Go live with your help desk for real customers
- ❑ Monitor ticket flow, SLA adherence, and agent performance
- ❑ Collect customer feedback and refine workflows regularly