

Zero Fuss Access Control Checklist – 2025 Edition

Everything a modern business needs for secure, frictionless access

IDENTITIES

- ☐ MFA enforced on all user accounts
- ☐ Legacy authentication blocked (e.g., POP, IMAP, SMTP)
- ☐ Role-based access templates applied on user creation
- ☐ Admin roles isolated with step-up authentication
- ☐ Sign-in risk monitoring enabled (impossible travel, brute force, etc.)

DEVICES

- ☐ Company-owned laptops meet security baselines (patching, encryption, MDM)
- ☐ All endpoints run EDR + posture monitoring
- ☐ Windows Hello (fingerprint/IR camera) supported and required
- ☐ BYOD access limited to app-only (no sync/downloads)
- ☐ Jailbroken/rooted device access blocked

APPLICATIONS

- ☐ All apps gated with conditional access (identity + device + location)
- ☐ SaaS discovery in place to detect shadow IT
- ☐ High-risk apps (finance, admin, HR) require trusted device
- ☐ SSO (Single Sign-On) enforced for app access
- ☐ Application session lifetime policies defined

NETWORKS

- ☐ Geo-IP blocking in place (e.g., block logins from outside the US)
- ☐ Public Wi-Fi and unknown networks treated as high risk
- ☐ Legacy VPNs replaced with zero trust network agent
- ☐ Network-level threat detection (DNS filtering, anomaly alerts)
- ☐ All network traffic logged and retained

POSTURE

- ☐ Real-time posture checks (encryption, patch level, firewall status)
- ☐ Risk-based session control enabled
- ☐ Suspicious behavior triggers playbooks (token revocation, disable user)
- ☐ Admin alerts on non-compliant device access attempts
- ☐ Integration with SIEM and automated response (SOAR)

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