Identity Secured: Your IAM Essentials Checklist

Here's a simple checklist you can use to strengthen your IAM foundations:

- ☐ **Define clear IAM policies** (least privilege, role-based access, segregation of duties)
- ☐ **Automate user lifecycle** (onboarding & offboarding with zero delays)
- ☐ **Use** Multi-Factor Authentication (**MFA**) & Single Sign-On (**SSO**)
- ☐ **Standardize access requests** with approval workflows
- ☐ **Review and recertify** access **regularly**
- ☐ **Monitor and audit user activity** across systems
- ☐ **Secure privileged accounts** with vaulting, monitoring, and credential rotation
- ☐ **Enforce policy violations** and remediate risky access quickly
- ☐ **Track IAM metrics** (provisioning time, review completion rates, anomalies)
- ☐ **Educate stakeholders** - security is a shared responsibility

Remember: The right people, the right access, at the right time—for the right reasons.

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