

BEYOND COMPLIANCE THEATER

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THE GRC ARCHITECT'S PLAYBOOK —
FROM SERVER ROOM TO BOARDROOM



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Free Sample — The First 90 Days of Governance

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Checklist 3: First 90 Days of Governance

Fillable template: [checklists/first-90-days-governance.md](#)

Use this checklist to track the first three months of building a governance function:

Week 1-2: Foundation

- ☐ Obtain executive sponsorship
- ☐ Draft ISSC Charter
- ☐ Get Charter signed by CEO
- ☐ Identify ISSC members
- ☐ Get member commitment

Week 3-4: Scope and Policy

- ☐ Define ISMS scope
- ☐ Get scope approved
- ☐ Draft Information Security Policy
- ☐ Review with Legal and HR
- ☐ Get ISP approved by CEO

Week 5-6: First Meetings

- ☐ Schedule first ISSC meeting
- ☐ Prepare meeting materials
- ☐ Conduct first meeting
- ☐ Document minutes and actions
- ☐ Schedule management review (if pursuing ISO 27001)

Week 7-8: Process Setup

- ☐ Establish policy lifecycle process
- ☐ Create policy register
- ☐ Set up policy portal
- ☐ Create communication plan

Week 9-10: Rollout

- ☐ Publish ISP to all employees
- ☐ Require employee acknowledgment
- ☐ Communicate governance structure
- ☐ Begin security awareness

Week 11-12: Operations

- ☐ Begin regular ISSC meetings
 - ☐ Track action item completion
 - ☐ Collect governance metrics
 - ☐ Report to leadership
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