

IAM in the Cloud & SaaS Era Checklist



Untracked SaaS Usage (Shadow IT)

- ☐ Have all SaaS apps been inventoried, including employee-created or unmanaged ones?
- ☐ Is there a formal approval and review process for all new SaaS tools?



Inconsistent Authentication Standards

- ☐ Is SSO enforced across all SaaS applications?
- ☐ Is MFA (preferably phishing-resistant) enabled for all cloud accounts?



Exposed or Mismanaged API Keys

- ☐ Are secrets rotated regularly and ownership clearly assigned?
- ☐ Are all API keys and tokens stored in a secure secrets manager (not hardcoded)?



Overprivileged Roles in SaaS Apps

- ☐ Are roles scoped to least privilege by default?
- ☐ Are administrative privileges reviewed quarterly?



Manual Provisioning & Deprovisioning

- ☐ Is user lifecycle management automated via SCIM or workflow integrations?
- ☐ Are accounts deactivated within 24 hours of termination or role change?



Lack of Access Review and Oversight

- ☐ Are third-party vendor accounts subject to the same review process?
- ☐ Are periodic access certifications performed for all high-risk SaaS apps?



Unmonitored Third-Party Integrations

- ☐ Are SaaS integrations and OAuth scopes regularly audited?
- ☐ Are risky or unused third-party app connections revoked promptly?

Quick Tip: Aim for centralized identity governance and at least 90% compliance across all SaaS tools to drastically reduce sprawl, risk, and audit fatigue.