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SOC 2 Made Simple: An Actionable Compliance Checklist

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Why SOC 2 Compliance Matters?

In today's digital-first world, trust is currency. If your business handles customer data—especially in SaaS, fintech, or cloud services—SOC 2 compliance isn't optional; it's expected.

This actionable checklist helps you:

1
Understand the core elements of SOC 2

2
Prepare strategically, not reactively

3
Avoid common pitfalls and delays

4
Show your customers and partners you take data protection seriously

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Let's break it down into five essential steps—and see how **Akram Assurance Advisory & Tax** can guide you every step of the way.

Understand What Your SOC 2 Needs To Cover

Start by scoping your audit. SOC 2 includes five Trust Services Criteria:

Security	Availability	Processing Integrity	Confidentiality	Privacy
(required)	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional

Pro tip: Most companies begin with Security, but your industry may demand more.

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Timing Is Everything — It Can Take a While

SOC 2 compliance is **not overnight**. Expect a few months for:

1 Internal prep

2 Control remediation

3 Policy implementation

4 Auditor review

Plan ahead to avoid delays.

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Assess Whether a Type I Report Will Meet Your Needs

SOC 2 reports come in two types:

- Type I: Are your controls in place today?

- Type II: Do your controls work over time?

* **Type I** is faster and often ideal for startups or investor readiness.

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SOC 2 Is an Open-Book Test

Auditors provide the full test format and expectations up front.

- Review each criterion
- Document how your controls meet them
- Prepare and rehearse your evidence
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You're not guessing—you're demonstrating.

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Vet and Monitor Vendors Before Engagement

Third-party risk is your risk. Be proactive:

- Conduct vendor due diligence

- Ask for their SOC reports

- Set up monitoring for changes or incidents

SOC 2 success depends on your ecosystem.

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How Akram Assurance Advisory & Tax Can Help

Akram Assurance supports companies across industries in preparing for and passing SOC 2 audits with confidence:

- ✓ **Readiness & gap assessments**
- ✓ **Policy drafting and control mapping**
- ✓ **Vendor risk programs**
- ✓ **Internal team training**
- ✓ **Type I & II support**
- ✓ **Audit coordination with top firms**

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