

Free Partner Portal Launch Checklist

Purpose

Use this checklist before inviting your first partners into a new portal.

1. Strategy

- + Define the purpose of the portal in one sentence.
- + Decide what success means in the first 90 days.
- + Identify the first partner segment you are launching to.
- + Clarify which partner actions you want to drive first.

2. Core Portal Experience

- + Confirm the homepage shows only the most useful modules.
- + Make sure navigation labels are clear to partners, not internal teams.
- + Check that partner users can find training, deals, resources, and support quickly.
- + Remove empty or placeholder sections before launch.

3. Content and Assets

- + Upload current sales and marketing assets.
- + Add a short portal welcome message.
- + Include at least one onboarding guide.
- + Add a clear deal registration explanation.
- + Add MDF guidance if applicable.
- + Make sure outdated files are removed.

4. Tier and Program Logic

- + Define partner tiers clearly.
- + Document the criteria for each tier.
- + Explain benefits and expectations.
- + Make sure any points or thresholds are easy to understand.

5. Onboarding and Enablement

- + Create a first-login journey.
- + Define the first three actions a new partner should take.

- + Add at least one introductory training or certification path.
- + Include a contact point for support.

6. Deal and Workflow Readiness

- + Test deal registration from the partner side.
- + Check approval routing and internal ownership.
- + Confirm email notifications work.
- + Test MDF submission and approval if included.

7. Branding and Trust

- + Add your logo, colors, and program name.
- + Check copy for consistency.
- + Remove any dummy text.
- + Replace all placeholder domains, emails, and customer examples.

8. Launch Readiness

- + Invite internal testers first.
- + Check the portal on desktop and mobile.
- + Verify user permissions by role.
- + Send a simple launch email with login instructions.
- + Have a short feedback form ready for partners.

9. First 30 Days After Launch

- + Track logins and activation rate.
- + Watch which modules partners use most.
- + Review support questions for friction points.
- + Clean up low-value sections fast.
- + Collect direct feedback from at least five partners.

Final Prompt for Yourself

If I were a partner seeing this for the first time, would I immediately understand what to do, why it matters, and where to go next?