

Month-End Close Checklist

Use this template to coordinate close tasks, owners, deadlines, dependencies, and review evidence.

Template Metadata

Field	Details
Category	Accounting & Audit
Owner	[Team or owner]
Version	[Version number]
Effective Date	[Date]
Review Cycle	[Monthly / Quarterly / Annual / Event-based]
Status	[Draft / In Review / Approved]

Close Calendar

Identify close period, day-by-day deadlines, blackout dates, and reporting due dates.

Item	Details	Owner	Status
[Item or requirement]	[Describe the relevant detail, evidence, or decision]	[Owner]	[Open / Complete]
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Notes

[Add context, assumptions, exceptions, evidence links, screenshots, calculations, or reviewer comments.]

Pre-Close Activities

List subledger cutoffs, accrual inputs, bank feeds, inventory counts, and system locks.

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[Item or requirement]	[Describe the relevant detail, evidence, or decision]	[Owner]	[Open / Complete]
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Journal Entries

Track recurring entries, accruals, allocations, eliminations, and approval requirements.

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[Item or requirement]	[Describe the relevant detail, evidence, or decision]	[Owner]	[Open / Complete]
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Reconciliations

List balance sheet reconciliations, preparers, reviewers, thresholds, and due dates.

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Management Review

Document flux analysis, variance explanations, review meetings, and open items.

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Reporting Package

Define financial statements, dashboards, covenant reports, and distribution list.

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Close Signoff

Capture controller approval, retained evidence, and post-close improvement actions.

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