

Checklist: Is my company ready for passkeys?

Technical requirements

- ☐ Our identity and access management (IAM) solution supports FIDO2 / WebAuthn.
- ☐ Our device fleet (e.g., notebooks, smartphones) supports biometric unlocking or secure PIN.
- ☐ Our applications and platforms can be integrated with modern authentication methods (e.g., SSO, OAuth, OpenID Connect).
- ☐ Our authentication infrastructure (e.g., Microsoft Entra ID, Okta, Ping Identity) is passkey-compatible or expandable.
- ☐ Our employees use devices on which private keys can be stored securely (e.g., TPM, Secure Enclave).

Security & Compliance

- ☐ We have an up-to-date IT security strategy that takes zero trust and passwordless authentication into account.
- ☐ We can document how passkeys support our compliance requirements (e.g., GDPR, ISO 27001).
- ☐ We have processes in place for secure recovery in the event of device loss.
- ☐ We have policies for device security and user identification in mobile environments.

User acceptance & change management

- ☐ We have a concept for employee training and awareness that communicates the benefits of passkeys.
- ☐ We consider use cases with different user groups (e.g., internal employees, external parties, partners).
- ☐ We plan pilot projects to gain experience and insights for the rollout.
- ☐ We ensure that existing multi-factor authentication (MFA) strategies can be combined with or replaced by passkeys in a meaningful way.

Strategic considerations

- ☐ The introduction of passkeys is part of our digitalization or IT strategy.
- ☐ We regularly analyze security incidents and support costs to quantify added value.
- ☐ We are prepared to gradually replace traditional methods without overwhelming users.
- ☐ We actively follow technological developments related to passkeys, FIDO2, and identity management.

Recommendation: If you can answer more than 10-12 points with 'x', your company is well prepared. Otherwise, we recommend starting with a targeted evaluation or pilot project.