

# New Hosting Account Checklist

Everything to review after your VastyHost hosting service is activated.

## Account Access

- Read the welcome email and save the important account information.
- Confirm that your Client Area login works.
- Open the hosting service and verify the domain and plan details.
- Confirm that Plesk opens successfully.

## Domain & DNS

- Confirm which DNS provider will be authoritative for the domain.
- If using VastyHost DNS, set the nameservers supplied for your service.
- Do not remove existing MX or email records unless you intend to move email.
- Check the domain after propagation to verify it points to the correct server.

## Website Setup

- Confirm the correct document root before uploading files.
- Upload or install the website.
- Test a simple page before moving production traffic.
- If using WordPress, confirm the site URL and administrator login.

## Email & Security

- Create required mailboxes and test sending and receiving.
- Enable SSL for the website and mail hostname where appropriate.
- Replace temporary or weak passwords.
- Configure an initial backup.

## Final Checks

- Browse the website from desktop and mobile.
- Test forms, authentication and any payment or account pages.
- Store credentials securely rather than in plain-text notes.
- Open a VastyHost support ticket if anything does not behave as expected.

### Activation Checklist

- ✓ Welcome email reviewed
- ✓ Client Area tested

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| ✓ Plesk tested     |
| ✓ DNS checked      |
| ✓ Website uploaded |
| ✓ SSL enabled      |
| ✓ Email tested     |
| ✓ Backup created   |