

Website Migration Checklist

A practical checklist for moving a website to VastyHost.

Before Migration

- Take a complete backup of website files and databases.
- Collect FTP/SFTP, database and application credentials.
- Identify email services, cron jobs and DNS records tied to the old host.
- If possible, lower DNS TTL before the planned migration.

Move the Files

- Upload files with Plesk File Manager or SFTP.
- Include hidden files such as .htaccess when the application requires them.
- Preserve sensible file and directory permissions.
- Place the site in the correct document root.

Move the Database

- Export the source database.
- Create a database and database user in Plesk.
- Import the database and update the application configuration.
- Confirm the database host, name, username and password.

Test Before DNS Changes

- Use a temporary preview or local hosts-file override where appropriate.
- Test forms, authentication and application workflows.
- Check media files, internal links and redirects.
- Review PHP and web server error logs.

Go Live

- Change nameservers or A records when the new copy is ready.
- Monitor both old and new servers during DNS propagation.
- Do not cancel the old hosting immediately.
- After traffic moves, enable SSL and retest the site.

After Migration

- Recreate scheduled tasks or cron jobs.
- Verify backups on the new service.
- Check email delivery if mail was also migrated.
- Monitor errors and performance for the first few days.

Migration Checklist

- ✓ Files backed up
- ✓ Database backed up
- ✓ New hosting prepared
- ✓ Files uploaded
- ✓ Database imported
- ✓ Site tested
- ✓ DNS changed
- ✓ Old hosting retained temporarily