INDEPENDENT STYLIST READINESS CHECKLIST

Use this checklist before committing to a new rental expense. Check items you can substantiate, not items you hope will become true. No email is required to use this resource.

Write a date and review again when your circumstances change.

MONEY / Know your numbers

[ ] I know the ongoing rent after any promotion ends.

[ ] I have itemized startup cash, recurring overhead, and per-service costs.

[ ] I know my monthly operating break-even in completed paid services.

[ ] I have compared a conservative month with a busy month.

[ ] I have separated business expenses from personal living needs.

TERMS / Understand what you are signing

[ ] I have read the complete agreement and addenda.

[ ] I understand move-in cash, notice periods, increases, and early-exit terms.

[ ] I have confirmed permitted uses, access hours, and required documents.

[ ] I have verified what the property provides and what I must supply.

OPERATIONS / Have a repeatable system

[ ] I have a service menu, realistic timing, and appointment workflow.

[ ] I have a payment, refund, cancellation, and recordkeeping process.

[ ] I know my product and sanitation routines and their costs.

[ ] I understand how I will attract and retain customers.

DECISION / Keep your options open

[ ] I have compared employment, chair rental, and private-suite options.

[ ] I can explain why this arrangement suits my actual working style.

[ ] I have identified three risks and how I would respond.

[ ] I know the exact conditions that would make me wait.

My next action: _____

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