Onboarding checklist

This onboarding checklist is divided into three stages: preboarding, training, and follow-through. The onboarding process should begin at least one week prior to an employee's official start date.

Preboarding stage
Collect signed offer letter
Confirm start date
Send welcome communication to the employee's email
Assemble new hire paperwork
Tax forms
Employment contract
Legal documents — including non-disclosure and non-compete forms
Employee handbook
Benefits information and forms
Gather equipment
Computer or laptop
Mouse and keyboard — if necessary
Power cord
Create company accounts
Email Email
Time card system
CRM and other project management systems
Reserve office or workspace
Gather and assemble desk and chair
Add new employee to organizational email and mailing lists
Announce new hire through an all-company email

Training stage
Provide new employee with security clearance Introduce managers and team members Give facility tour Set up a training plan with employee Complete new hire paperwork Review employee handbook Update the employee on safety policies Assign mentorship — if applicable Answer benefits and training questions Schedule team lunch or meet-and-greet
Follow-through stage
Check in with new employee consistently After one week After one month After two months After three months After trial period

