

### Workbook: Authentic Branding Checklist

An authentic brand is what makes you memorable and trustworthy. This workbook guides you through creating a brand that resonates with your audience and aligns with your values.

#### **Step 1: Defining Your Brand Values**

- 1) Core Values: List three words that describe your work ethic (e.g., integrity, passion, reliability). Reflect on how these values influence your business practices.
  - How do you demonstrate these values to clients?
  - Can you share a specific example?
- 2) Non-Negotiables: Identify values you will never compromise in your business. Examples might include transparency, professionalism, or client care.
  - How do these values appear in your contracts or client communication?
- 3) Shaping Client Experience: Describe how your values influence the service you provide. How do you incorporate them into everyday interactions?
  - Are there policies or workflows you use to ensure this?
- 4) Your "Why" in Branding: How does your personal mission influence your brand?
  - Are your marketing materials aligned with this?
- 5) Building Trust: What steps do you take to build trust with new clients?
  - Do you gather testimonials or reviews to share?
  - How do you handle difficult client situations while maintaining trust?

#### Step 2: Crafting Your Voice

- 1) Elevator Pitch: Write a concise summary of your business in 1-2 sentences. Example: "I help first-time buyers navigate the home-buying process with confidence and ease."
  - How can you refine this to make it even more compelling?
- 2) Tone of Messaging: Choose a tone for your brand (e.g., professional, approachable, empowering). Practice writing two social media posts using this tone.
- 3) Tagline/Slogan: Create a tagline that captures your brand's essence. Example: "Where dreams meet doorsteps."
  - How can this tagline stand out against your competitors?
- **4) Communication Channels:** Where do you communicate most effectively with clients? (e.g., email, social media, in-person meetings).
  - How can you make these channels even more effective?
- 5) Consistency in Voice: How do you ensure your messaging remains consistent across all platforms?
- Do you have a checklist or style guide for your communications?

#### **Step 3: Building Visual Identity**

- 1) Colours and Imagery: What colours and visuals best represent your brand's personality? Consider your audience and your message.
  - Are these aligned with your market and clients' expectations?
- **2) Logo Inspiration:** Sketch or describe your ideal logo design. What symbols or elements resonate with your brand?
  - How does this logo connect to your values?
- 3) Website and Social Media Audit: Look at your website and profiles. Are they visually consistent and engaging?
  - What updates are necessary?
- **4) Emotional Connection:** What feelings should your brand evoke in clients (e.g., trust, excitement, reliability)? Use examples of imagery that reflect these emotions.
- 5) Review and Revise: Regularly evaluate your brand. Is it still authentic and aligned with your goals?
  - Are there new elements you need to incorporate?

#### **Action Plan:**

- Audit your current branding materials (logo, website, social media profiles). Identify areas for improvement.
- Update one element of your brand—such as your tagline or social media bio—to align with your core values.
- Use Canva or a professional designer to refine your visual identity.
- Test your updated branding with trusted colleagues or clients for feedback.
- Commit to quarterly reviews to ensure your branding remains aligned with your evolving goals.

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