

2025 compliance checklist for recruiters

Stay compliant. Hire fast. Reduce risk.

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Section 1: Right to Work compliance

Task	Status		
Use a UK Government-accredited IDSP for RTW checks	Done Not yet		
Digitally verify candidate identity (photo ID + liveness check)	Done Not yet		
Confirm nationality and current right to work status	Done Not yet		
Store records in a secure, centralised compliance vault	Done Not yet		
Set reminders for repeat checks (time-limited visas)	Done Not yet		
Failure to comply can result in fines of up to £60,000 per illegal worker.			
Expanded RTW obligations for gig economy workers are expected to become a legal requirement in 2026. Plan now to future-proof your processes.			

Section 2: Contractor and Gig worker readiness

Task	Status	
Identify self-employed and limited company workers in your pipeline	Done	Not yet
Review processes for onboarding them	Done	Not yet
Pilot RTW checks for gig economy workers now	Done	Not yet
Educate end-clients on upcoming shared obligations	Done	Not yet
Use digital ID platforms to streamline checks across worker types	Done	Not yet

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These changes will create a level playing field. Compliance becomes a shared obligation, not just best practice.

Section 3: Pre-employment screening

Task	Status		
Conduct DBS checks where applicable	Done	Not yet	
Validate qualifications and work history with references/databases	Done	Not yet	
Check for professional body membership or registrations	Done	Not yet	
Collect and store sensitive data in a secure, access- controlled system	Done	Not yet	
Review processes for bias or discrimination risk	Done	Not yet	
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Section 4: Data protection and record keeping

Task	Status	
Store all documents in a GDPR-compliant digital environment	Done	☐ Not yet
Use encrypted platforms for document collection and ID uploads	Done	Not yet
Maintain digital audit trails for all checks and candidate interactions	Done	☐ Not yet
Limit sensitive data access (e.g., candidate medical records, ID docs) to onboarding/compliance only	Done	☐ Not yet

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Regulatory enforcement is on the rise. Breaches can result in penalties from the ICO and damage to candidate trust.

Section 5: Speed vs compliance - your balance check

Task	Status	
Onboard candidates without delaying start dates	Done	Not yet
Automate repetitive admin (ID, document collection, reference chasing, and more)	Done	Not yet
Provide candidates with a remote onboarding journey optimised for all web-enabled devices	Done	Not yet
Integrate RTW, DBS, referencing and other pre-employment checks into a single workflow	Done	Not yet
Get real-time alerts when documents are missing or expire	Done	Not yet

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