

# Template: Forex Trading Platform Evaluation Checklist

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A practical checklist for evaluating forex trading platforms to ensure they meet your trading needs for 2025.

## Checklist Items:

- 1. Establish Execution Requirements**  
Determine the execution model you need (ECN/STP vs. Market Maker) and identify the required order types for your trading style (e.g., market orders, limit orders, trailing stops).  
Reference Section: Core platform features to prioritise
- 2. Test Execution and Latency**  
Open a demo account and conduct a stress test by placing a series of market and pending orders. Record the fills vs requested prices to measure latency and slippage.  
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- 3. Analyze Usability Features**  
Evaluate the platform's user interface for cleanliness and customizability. Ensure that the mobile experience matches desktop functionality.  
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- 4. Examine Fees and Spread Structures**  
Understand the platform's fee structure, comparing spread types (raw vs. included commissions) and considering swap rates for overnight positions.  
Reference Section: Fees, spreads and true cost of trading
- 5. Check Regulatory Compliance**  
Research the platform's regulation and fund protection measures to ensure safety of your capital. Consider local regulations that may impact your trading activities.  
Reference Section: Security, regulation and fund protection
- 6. Evaluate Research Tools and Analytics**  
Assess the availability and quality of built-in research tools and analytics features that can assist in your trading decisions.  
Reference Section: Research, tools and analytics built into platforms
- 7. Assess Customer Support Options**  
Investigate the quality and availability of customer support, including response times and support channels.  
Reference Section: Broker integration, customer support and execution reliability
- 8. Conduct Live Trials if Possible**  
Open a live trial account with your shortlisted platforms to experience them firsthand under real market conditions.  
Reference Section: Testing, trial strategies and final decision checklist
- 9. Compare Platform Performance**  
Use side-by-side comparisons of platform features, execution accuracy, and total costs to finalize your choice based on your trading style and goals.  
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