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# VAPT Maintenance Checklist

What to Do After a Penetration Test

## Ongoing Steps to Make Sure You Are Actually Safer, Not Just Documented

Most assessments stop at the report. That is not how ATS works. A good VAPT is more than a moment in time; it marks the beginning of a stronger security posture. This checklist shows how to keep your risk posture aligned, your remediations effective, and your next test smarter than the last.

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### VAPT Maintenance Checklist: What to Do After the Findings

- ☐ **Review the full VAPT report with internal stakeholders.**
  Bring in your IT lead, security team, and any system owners affected. Understanding what was found is the first step to actually fixing it.

- ☐ **Prioritize and assign remediation actions.**
  Not everything needs to be fixed at once. Use the severity ratings and business impact to rank issues, assign owners, and start patching what matters most.

- ☐ **Document timelines and patching progress.**
  Keep a record of when fixes are applied. This is critical for compliance, insurance, and future assessments, and it reduces repeat findings.

- ☐ **Schedule a retest for high-severity vulnerabilities.**
  ATS offers a complimentary retest of critical findings within six months. Take advantage of it. Verifying the fix is just as important as making it.

- ☐ **Adjust your internal security policies based on findings.**
  What did the test reveal about user behavior, misconfigurations, or access policies? Use those insights to improve, not just to patch.

- ☐ **Add VAPT reports to your compliance and audit trail.**
  A strong report demonstrates due diligence, continuous improvement, and security maturity. Keep it accessible when regulators or clients ask.

- ☐ **Pen testing is not a complete defense; it is a pressure test. Make it part of a broader, continuous approach.**
  ATS can help you plan testing frequency and add ongoing services that keep vulnerabilities from returning.

- ☐ **Debrief with ATS to plan future assessments.**
  Talk with your ATS team about what changed, what worked, and what comes next. The more aligned we are, the more useful the next test becomes.

**What This Means**

A strong penetration test is not about the number of findings; it is about what you do with them. This checklist helps your organization move from assessment to action and from reactive to resilient.

Questions about timing, retesting, or next steps?

**We're here.**

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