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90 Days to GIABA Readiness: A Practical Timeline

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A Phased Approach

GIABA mutual evaluation preparation requires structured effort across assessment, remediation, and documentation phases. This timeline provides achievable milestones—not theoretical perfection.

Days 0-30: Assessment Phase

Focus on understanding your current position:

- Conduct internal self-assessment against IO.4 and IO.6 criteria
- Identify documentation gaps and missing evidence
- Map current practices to GIABA effectiveness characteristics
- Prioritise gaps by severity and remediation effort
- Brief Board/ExCo on assessment findings

Day 30 Deliverable: Completed self-assessment with prioritised gap list and remediation plan approved by senior management.

Days 31-60: Remediation Phase

Address critical and high-priority gaps:

- Document threshold calibration rationale
- Create explicit NRA-to-EWRA mapping
- Strengthen EDD rationale documentation in customer files

- Improve STR narrative quality
- Address beneficial ownership data gaps

Day 60 Deliverable: Critical gaps closed. High-priority items in progress with clear completion dates.

Days 61-90: Embed and Document Phase

Prepare for inspection:

- Assign question owners for likely examination topics
- Prepare response frameworks with evidence references
- Conduct mock examination sessions
- Test evidence retrieval capabilities
- Brief spokespersons on key narratives
- Align cross-functional responses

Day 90 Deliverable: Institution ready for examination. Spokespersons briefed. Evidence packs assembled. Narratives aligned.