DPIIT Startup India Recognition Checklist

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Eligibility (confirm all)

- Entity is a Pvt Ltd company, LLP, or registered partnership
- Incorporated within the last 10 years
- Annual turnover has not crossed INR 100 crore in any year since incorporation
- Working towards innovation, improvement, or a scalable business model
- Not formed by splitting up or reconstructing an existing business

Documents you will need

- Certificate of Incorporation or registration
- PAN of the entity
- Directors or partners details
- A short write-up on what makes the startup innovative or scalable
- Website, deck, or product link (optional but recommended)

Process

- Create an account on the Startup India portal
- Fill the recognition application with entity and innovation details
- Upload the documents and submit
- Recognition is typically issued in about 2 working days if the application is complete

After recognition (two separate approvals)

- DPIIT recognition gives self-certification, IPR rebates, and easier procurement
- Section 80-IAC three-year tax holiday is a SEPARATE application to the inter-ministerial board
- Angel tax under Section 56(2)(viib) has been abolished for all investors from FY2025-26, easing fundraising