

## SEO Content Quality Checklist

### Before Starting

- Think of topics that your target audience will most likely be interested in.
- Make a list of possible short tail keywords and long tail keywords.
- Use a keyword research tool to enter your target keyword and get the exact keyword with the most volume and lowest competition possible.

### Content should include:

- Featured image
- Excerpt
- Internal links
- External links
- Design elements - table of contents, list box, how to box, definition box, frequently asked questions section, infographic/s and table/s.
- SEO focus keywords
- URL Slug
- Meta description
- Headings - split text with multiple headings and subheadings
- SEO indicator is green (if using Yoast)
- Readability indicator is green (if using Yoast)

### Before Publishing

- Make sure the article is at least 1,000 words for short, or 5,000 words for in-depth article.
- No heading numbers are skipped.
- For images within the article, position images in this way: First the H2, or H3 heading. Then a short paragraph. Then the image.
- Images should have alt text and caption (caption only if relevant)
- Make sure images have no copyright problems
- Proofread - grammar and spelling check

### After Publishing

- Add the URL of the published post to Google Search Console
- If applicable, add keywords to your campaign performance measuring tool (Google Analytics, SE Ranking, etc.)
- Publish in social media
- If applicable, send a email campaign to blog subscribers