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From Graduate to Bank-Ready Professional

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Are you truly ready for the branch? Use this 20-point checklist to ensure you aren't leaving your career to chance.

Phase 1: Academic & Eligibility Foundation

- ☐ **Minimum 50% Aggregate:** Verified that your graduation score meets the baseline for top private banks.
- ☐ **Degree Verification:** Originals and copies of all semester mark sheets and your degree/provisional certificate are organized.
- ☐ **Age Criteria:** Confirmed you are within the 21–26 age bracket (for most fresher/trainee roles).
- ☐ **Language Proficiency:** You can fluently speak the local language and communicate professionally in English.

Phase 2: Technical & Operational Mastery (The IBA EDU Advantage)

- ☐ **KYC & AML Compliance:** You can explain "Know Your Customer" and "Anti-Money Laundering" protocols without hesitation.
- ☐ **Live Teller Experience:** You have practiced handling a cash drawer and balancing a day's end tally.
- ☐ **Account Opening Workflow:** You understand the documentation required for Savings, Current, and Corporate accounts.
- ☐ **Banking Software Familiarity:** You have had hands-on exposure to core banking system interfaces.
- ☐ **Product Knowledge:** You know the difference between CASA (Current Account Savings Account), Fixed Deposits, and various loan products.

Phase 3: Professional Portfolio & Presence

- ☐ **The "ATS-Friendly" Resume:** Your CV includes keywords like [Compliance](#), [Relationship Management](#), [Operational Accuracy](#), and [Banking Software](#).
- ☐ **LinkedIn Optimization:** Your profile has a professional headshot and a headline that reads: "Aspiring Banking Professional | Trained in [Specific Role]."

- [] **Formal Attire:** You have a "Day One" outfit ready—ironed formals, polished shoes, and a professional appearance.
- [] **Professional Introduction:** You have mastered a 60-second "Tell me about yourself" pitch that focuses on your practical training, not just your degree.

Phase 4: The Interview "Combat" Zone

- [] **Situation-Based Practice:** You can answer: "How would you handle an angry customer?" or "What if you find a fake note in your cash tally?"
- [] **Sales & Service Mindset:** You can demonstrate how you would cross-sell a credit card or insurance product naturally.
- [] **Mock Interview Feedback:** You have completed at least three mock interviews with an experienced banker and corrected your body language.
- [] **Regulatory Awareness:** You are up-to-date with the latest RBI Repo Rate and recent banking news.

Phase 5: The Final Commitment

- [] **Role Clarity:** You know exactly which path you want—[Relationship Management](#), [Operations](#), or [Retail Banking](#).
- [] **Continuous Learning:** You have a plan to stay updated on [digital banking trends](#) (AI, UPI, and FinTech).
- [] **Growth Mindset:** You are prepared to start from the ground up to build a long-term career.

How many boxes did you check?

- **15-20 Checked:** You are a Job-Ready Professional. Start applying today!
- **10-14 Checked:** You have the basics but might struggle in the technical rounds.
- **Below 10 Checked:** You are still in the "Theory Phase."

Don't wait to learn these on the job. The [IBA EDU Banking Mastery Program](#) is designed to help you check every single box on this list in just 60 days.

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Thank you!