One-Time Payments Checklist

This checklist ensures you cover all critical steps for successfully launching a hybrid pricing model that includes one-time payment options.

Phase 1: Product Assessment and Selection Define which features provide instant, discrete value and fit a one-time fee model (e.g., templates, one-off reports). Confirm the selected feature requires minimal to zero ongoing cloud hosting or continuous resource consumption. Exclude any core services that rely on API calls or constant server uptime from the one-time offering. Determine the specific target user segment (e.g., cost-conscious or infrequent users) this one-time license will attract. Phase 2: Hybrid Pricing Strategy Design Design the Lifetime Deal price point to be high enough to cover long-term

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	Select a unified billing platform capable of managing both recurring subscription logic and simple single-invoice payments.
	Verify the platform can automatically handle global tax compliance (VAT, sales tax) across all target jurisdictions for both payment types.
	Optimize the checkout page for one-time sales by enabling guest checkout and ensuring a fast, minimal-step purchase process.
	Integrate options for alternative payment methods and potentially installment plans to lower the friction of the high one-time price.
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