

Approved Applications List

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APPROVED APPLICATIONS - MACOS (MacBook Air 15" M4 and Mac mini)

Productivity & Communication:

- Microsoft Outlook (Microsoft 365 subscription)
- Microsoft Word (Microsoft 365 subscription)
- Microsoft Excel (Microsoft 365 subscription)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (Microsoft 365 subscription)
- Microsoft Teams (Microsoft 365 subscription)
- Slack (team communication)
- Zoom (video conferencing)

Browsers:

- Safari (built-in with macOS)
- Google Chrome (Version 148.0.7778.168 or later)

Development & Technical:

- Visual Studio Code (code editing)
- GitHub Desktop (version control)
- MongoDB Compass (database management)

Cloud & File Management:

- Microsoft OneDrive (Microsoft 365 subscription)
- Dropbox (if used)

Business Tools:

- Figma (design)
- Miro (collaboration)
- Loom (video recording)
- DocuSign (document signing)

AI & Productivity:

- Claude Desktop
- Perplexity
- ChatGPT (OpenAI)

Utilities:

- Apple Passwords (built-in password manager)
- NordVPN (network security)

Approval method: All applications from App Store or identified developers with valid code signatures. Gatekeeper enforces technical control.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS - iOS/iPadOS (iPhone 16 Pro Max, iPad A16)

Productivity & Communication:

- Microsoft Outlook (App Store)
- Microsoft Word (App Store)
- Microsoft Excel (App Store)
- Microsoft PowerPoint (App Store)
- Microsoft Teams (App Store)
- Slack (App Store)
- Zoom (App Store)

Browser:

- Safari (built-in with iOS/iPadOS)

Cloud & File Management:

- Microsoft OneDrive (App Store)
- Dropbox (App Store - if used)

Business Tools:

- Figma (App Store)
- Miro (App Store)
- Loom (App Store)
- DocuSign (App Store)

Social Media (Business Use):

- LinkedIn (App Store)
- X/Twitter (App Store)
- Instagram (App Store)
- Threads (App Store)
- YouTube (App Store)
- Reddit (App Store)
- TikTok (App Store)
- Pinterest (App Store)
- Medium (App Store)
- Bluesky (App Store)

AI & Productivity:

- ChatGPT (App Store - if installed)

- Claude (App Store - if installed)
- Perplexity (App Store - if installed)
- Plaud (App Store - if installed)

Security:

- Microsoft Authenticator (App Store - MFA)
- Google Authenticator (App Store)
- NordVPN (App Store)

Approval method: All applications must be installed from Apple App Store only. iOS/iPadOS enforces technical control - no sideloading permitted.

TECHNICAL CONTROLS ENFORCING APPLICATION APPROVAL

MacBook Air:

- macOS Gatekeeper enabled and set to “App Store and identified developers”
- System Integrity Protection (SIP) active
- Unsigned applications blocked by default
- Administrator approval required for any exceptions

iPhone & iPad:

- iOS/iPadOS App Store is ONLY installation method
- Sideloading disabled (no developer mode)
- All apps code-signed by Apple
- Users cannot install apps from other sources

APPROVAL PROCESS FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

- User identifies need for new application
- CEO reviews application: security, business need, vendor reputation

- CEO verifies application is code-signed (Mac) or from App Store (iOS/iPadOS)
- CEO approves installation
- Application added to this approved list
- User installs application

REMOVAL PROCESS

- Applications are removed if:
- No longer needed for business purposes
- Vendor ends support or security updates
- Security vulnerability identified
- User no longer requires access

Quarterly reviews identify applications for removal.

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