

# SaaS Free Trial Best Practices to Increase Conversions

[Checklist]

## Map Out Your Free Trial User Journey

- Build personas and define your user's goals
- Start with the end goal and work backwards to map out the journey
- List your customer events e.g. completing a tutorial
- Identify your most successful users and reverse engineer their steps
- List your key conversion signals e.g. signing up for a demo call

## Improve Your Onboarding Experience

- Find your user "aha" moment
- Remove points of friction to reduce time-to-value
- Promote your stickiest features
- Use heatmaps to discover critical actions e.g. where users exit
- Decide if you need no-touch, low-touch or a high-touch onboarding process
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to measure, iterate, and improve

## Add Limitations to Your Free Trial

- Add a time limit e.g. 14-days which is long enough for users to see value
- Limit the number of actions a user can perform
- Restrict access to specific features
- Add watermarks on exported content

## Send Out an NPS Survey

- Create micro surveys for your customers and churned users
- Use a 0-10 ranking question
- Follow up with an open-ended question
- Analyse the results to find your best features and weak points

## Create an Interactive Educational Experience

- Free live webinars
- Interactive onboarding quizzes
- Online course or certification
- An educational game that unlocks restricted features
- Interactive product walk-throughs
- One-on-one calls
- Checklist with a progress bar

## Segment Your Email Campaigns

- Collect emails with an email marketing tool
- Segment users into three groups inactive, semi-active, or active
- Create a drip campaign for each segment
- Create a trial expiry email campaign

## Ask For The Sale At The Right Time

- Ask for the sale when the user achieves a goal