QA Backlog Rescue

12 actions to unblock testing with your existing development team.

Start with 1–4 and 12. Reduce waiting and rework without hiding untested work.

- [ ] **01. Prioritize the queue (P0–P4)**
  Agree what must be tested now, what can wait, and who approves deferrals.

- [ ] **02. Batch tickets by feature or user flow**
  Reuse setup and test multiple requirements in one focused session.

- [ ] **03. Assign work by team expertise**
  Match checks, fixes, and clarifications to people who resolve them fastest.

- [ ] **04. Split Dev self-checks from QA risk checks**
  Dev verifies readiness; QA targets risk, edge cases, and integrations.

- [ ] **05. Use testing agents only if they are ready**
  Delegate stable checks with human review; skip new agent setup during triage.

- [ ] **06. Require passing unit tests before merge**
  Prevent basic regressions from returning as new QA tickets.

- [ ] **07. Use short feature demos before risky handoffs**
  Align on expected behavior, changed flows, test data, and known limitations.

- [ ] **08. Move suitable recurring checks to unit/API tests**
  Reduce repeated manual verification when lower-layer checks are reliable.

- [ ] **09. Eliminate repeated test setup**
  Reuse datasets, reset scripts, API helpers, and environment preparation.

- [ ] **10. Run a focused cross-functional test session**
  Coordinate Dev, Product, and QA on one critical feature without overlap.

- [ ] **11. Pair QA with Dev on tickets that bounce back**
  Diagnose and resolve high-churn issues together instead of repeated handoffs.

- [ ] **12. Make testing capacity and WIP visible**
  Limit active testing; unblock or finish work before adding more.