Before You Start

Five minutes of setup that protects your channel and keeps you working from current rules. Complete it before you create your channel in Chapter 3.

Account and eligibility

- ☐ Confirm the YouTube Partner Program is available in your country or region.
  support.google.com/youtube/answer/72851
- ☐ Choose the Google account you'll use for your channel (Chapter 3 explains personal vs. Brand Account).
- ☐ Turn on 2-Step Verification for that Google account. It's a Partner Program requirement and your best defense against channel theft.
- ☐ Write your recovery email and phone number somewhere safe, offline.

Bookmark the official pages

- ☐ YouTube Partner Program overview & eligibility
- ☐ YouTube's rules for disclosing AI-generated or altered content
- ☐ YouTube Community Guidelines
- ☐ YouTube Terms of Service
- ☐ The companion Rules page: **pmvconsultingllc.com/aiyoutube/rules**

A habit worth keeping

- ☐ Before any big step (creating your channel, applying to the Partner Program, adding a new income stream), check the companion Rules page and the official page for that step. Rules change; this book can't.

Record

Date completed: _____

Google account used for my channel: _____

Notes: _____

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