

Client Brief Decision Sheet

Turn missing information into a deliberate Proceed, Clarify, Reprice, or Decline decision before committing time.

1. Define the job

BUSINESS OUTCOME

PRIMARY AUDIENCE

DELIVERABLES AND FORMATS

DEADLINE AND WHY IT MATTERS

APPROVER / FINAL DECISION-MAKER

WHAT WILL COUNT AS ACCEPTED

2. Find decision-changing gaps

- ☐ References and explicit non-examples
- ☐ Revision allowance and feedback route
- ☐ Required client inputs or dependencies
- ☐ Budget, usage rights, or handoff expectations
- ☐ A missing answer changes effort, risk, or price
- ☐

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3. Choose one next decision

- ☐ PROCEED - enough is known to commit
- ☐ CLARIFY - one answer could change the job
- ☐ REPRICE - the real effort or risk changed
- ☐ DECLINE - the fit, terms, or risk are unacceptable

4. Ask only useful questions

- ☐ What visible result should this work create?
- ☐ Who is it for and what should they do next?
- ☐ Which three references fit - and which do not?
- ☐ Who gives final approval?
- ☐ What is included, excluded, and revision-limited?
- ☐ Which missing answer would change price or timing?

5. Record the commitment

DECISION

REASON / MISSING ANSWER

PRICE OR TIMING CHANGE

CLIENT CONFIRMATION

NEXT CHECKPOINT
