# **Stress Self-Assessment Checklist**



#### **Part 1: Physical Signs of Stress**

- □ I often experience headaches or migraines.
- □ I have trouble sleeping or feel tired even after rest.
- □ I notice muscle tension, jaw clenching, or back pain.
- ☐ I have frequent stomach issues, nausea, or loss of appetite.

## Part 2: Emotional & Mental Signs

- ☐ I feel irritable, anxious, or on edge regularly.
- □ I have difficulty concentrating or making decisions.
- □ I feel overwhelmed by daily tasks.
- ☐ I feel less motivated or interested in things I usually enjoy.

#### Part 3: Behavioural Signs

- ☐ I tend to overeat or lose my appetite when stressed.
- □ I procrastinate or struggle to manage my workload.
- □ I withdraw from friends, family, or colleagues.
- □ I use alcohol, caffeine, or other substances to cope with stress.

## Part 4: Work-Related Signs

- $\hfill \square$  I feel pressure to meet deadlines constantly.
- □ I struggle to balance work and personal life.
- □ I often feel unappreciated or unsupported at work.
- □ I dread going to work or feel "burned out."

#### **Scoring Your Stress Level**

- 0–4 ticks: Low stress: You're managing well. Keep up with regular self-care.
- 5–9 ticks: Moderate stress: Take proactive steps to reduce stress and build resilience.
- 10+ ticks: High stress: Consider speaking with a professional, and implement daily stress-reduction strategies.

# **Tailored Tips**

## **Low Stress**

- Maintain your routines and healthy habits.
- Keep active and take short breaks during the day.
- Practice gratitude journaling or mindfulness 2–3 times a week.

#### **Moderate Stress**

- Schedule short daily relaxation sessions (breathing exercises, meditation, stretching).
- Prioritise tasks and delegate where possible.
- Connect with colleagues, friends, or family for support.

#### **High Stress**

- Speak to a healthcare or mental health professional if stress persists.
- Take regular breaks and consider a short digital detox.
- Explore stress-management workshops or online courses.