



Protect your organisation against the most common cyber attacks

To find out more please visit www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberessentials



What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials is a simple and effective Government backed scheme that will help you protect your organisation against a range of the most common cyber attacks.

From the small scale startup to the established and growing business, Cyber Essentials will help you avoid the consequences of such things as:

- ✔ **Phishing attacks**
- ✔ **Malware**
- ✔ **Ransomware**
- ✔ **Password guessing**
- ✔ **Network attacks**

Our advice, in the shape of five technical controls, is easy to implement and designed to guard against these attacks.



Two levels of confidence

The NCSC works in partnership with The IASME Consortium to deliver Cyber Essentials, ensuring that the scheme continues to evolve to meet the cyber security challenges of the future.

- ✔ Cyber Essentials self-assessment is a first step towards helping you protect your business from the most common cyber attacks. The process is simple and certification costs around £300.
- ✔ Cyber Essentials Plus still has the Cyber Essentials trademark simplicity of approach, and the protections you need to put in place are the same, but for Cyber Essentials Plus a hands-on technical verification is carried out.

For more information about how to get certified visit www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberessentials



How does **Cyber Essentials** work?

Cyber Essentials sets out five controls which you can implement immediately to strengthen your cyber defences:

- 1** Use a firewall to secure your internet connection
- 2** Choose the most secure settings for your devices and software
- 3** Control who has access to your data and services
- 4** Protect yourself from viruses and other malware
- 5** Keep your devices and software up to date



Is **Cyber Essentials** for you?

Businesses of all shapes and sizes use Cyber Essentials to help protect their IT from attack. You could too.

No matter what your organisation does, Cyber Essentials can help to keep the devices and data you rely on safe.

We understand that not everyone has a dedicated IT department, or an in-depth knowledge of cyber security.

Cyber Essentials has been designed to be flexible, taking into account all types and sizes of organisation.

Certification will reassure current and potential customers that you take cyber security seriously. You'll also be listed in our directory of certified organisations.



Cyber Essentials Readiness Tool

Sometimes, organisations are unsure how to prepare for Cyber Essentials. The Cyber Essentials Readiness Tool is a series of questions developed to explain the Cyber Essentials requirements and give targeted guidance on how to implement them. This readiness tool is the step that comes before taking the Cyber Essentials self-assessment. It is the start of the journey to becoming Cyber Essentials certified.

<https://getreadyforcyberessentials.iasme.co.uk>

Further information

Information online that will help you secure your IT against cyber attack.

www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberessentials

www.ncsc.gov.uk/smallbusiness

www.ncsc.gov.uk/charity

www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/10-steps-to-cyber-security

www.iasme.co.uk/cyber-essentials

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