Cyber Essentials

Protect your organisation, whatever its size, against the most common cyber threats.

Help secure your business

Most cyber attacks are basic - the digital equivalent of a thief trying your front door to see if it's unlocked. Cyber Essentials helps you bolt your door against the most common cyber attacks.

Find out more by visiting IASME's website

What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials is a Government-backed certification scheme that helps keep your organisation's and your customers' data safe from cyber attacks.

The NCSC recommends Cyber Essentials as the minimum standard of cyber security for all organisations.

With our official Cyber Essentials Delivery Partner IASME, our nationwide network of assessors and advisors can help you get certified.

7.7m

cyber crimes were experienced by businesses over the past year. That's around half of all businesses in the UK. Don't be next.

Who is Cyber Essentials for?

Cyber Essentials can help **every organisation** – from micro businesses to large corporations – guard against the most common cyber attacks. If you have digital assets or store any data, putting the Cyber Essentials controls in place can help you keep it safe.

92%

More resilient

92% fewer insurance claims are made by organisations with the Cyber Essentials controls in place

89%

More trusted

89% of organisations would recommend certifying to other organisations like theirs

69%

More competitive

69% of those with Cyber Essentials believe that it has increased their market competitiveness

88%

More informed

88% believe Cyber Essentials has improved their understanding of cyber security risks

Choose your certification level:

Cyber Essentials: A combination of self-assessment and independent audit

Cyber Essentials Plus: The same protections, but with more rigorous, independent technical testing

Find out more about certification

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Need a little more help?

If you need cyber security guidance, and hands-on support to implement the Cyber Essentials controls, our network of NCSC assured Cyber Advisors is here to help.

Find an Advisor

Our Cyber Essentials Delivery Partner IASME offers free tools to help you get started

Readiness Tool

Create a personal action plan and get tailored guidance to prepare for the Cyber Essentials certification.

Use the Readiness Tool

Knowledge Hub

Find the information and resources you need to help you through the process.

Check out the Knowledge Hub

A supply chain tool

The NCSC sees an increasing number of cyber attacks through supply chain vulnerabilities, but many organisations still struggle to manage supplier cyber risk. A lack of assurance tools, insufficient expertise and a lack of visibility are often cited as key barriers.

A Cyber Essentials certificate increases cyber security across supply chains and gives organisations confidence in the cyber security of their suppliers.

Case study

With the financial services sector facing an evolving cyber threat, one the UK's largest wealth management companies asked its partnership network of over 2,800 independent business to certify to Cyber Essentials Plus. In such a large supply chain this had its challenges, but the decision is already showing a positive impact, with around an 80% reduction in cyber security incidents.

Read the full case study

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Check if an organisation is certified

Find all current Cyber Essentials certificates on our Cyber Essentials Delivery Partner IASME's website.

Certificate search

Cyber Essentials helps organisations stay safe by ensuring **5 technical controls** are in place.

✅ **Secure configuration**

Set up computers securely to minimise ways that a cyber-criminal can find a way in

✅ **User access control**

Control who can access your data and services and what level of access they have

✅ **Malware protection**

Identify and immobilise viruses or other malicious software before it has a chance to cause harm

✅ **Security update management**

Prevent cyber criminals using vulnerabilities they find in software as an access point to your systems

✅ **Firewalls**

Create a security filter between the internet and your network

Want to find out more about the Cyber Essentials certification?

Visit our resources page for downloads and technical requirements.