

Cyber Essentials Secure your business with a trusted partner

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UK Government statistics show that in the year to March 2021, nearly four in ten (39%) businesses reported a Cyber Security breach or attack.

As a result of increased risk, cyber security has become a priority for businesses, in fact 77% of businesses say that cyber security is a high priority for their directors or senior managers according to a Government report.



It's easy to think 'it wouldn't be my business that fell victim to a cyber attack', but it could happen to any business that has even one vulnerability within their estate.

One of the ways that businesses are looking to protect against these attacks is through the Cyber Essentials Certification.

What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials is a Government backed scheme that provides simple guidance to help you to protect your organisation, whatever its size, against a whole range of the most common cyber-attacks.

These can come in many shapes and sizes, but the vast majority are very basic in nature, carried out by relatively unskilled individuals. They're the digital equivalent of a thief trying your front door to see if it's unlocked.

The Cyber Essentials assessment is built around five basic technical controls, specifically designed to prevent the most common cyber-attacks:



Firewalls: Restricting access to only what's needed at your internet boundary



Secure Configuration: Secure settings and minimum functionality enabled



User Access Control: Least Privilege and multi-factor authentication



Malware Protection: Protecting your organisation from viruses and other malware



Patch Management: Ensuring devices and software are kept up to date

What is the difference between Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus?

To obtain the Cyber Essentials certification, you need to complete an online assessment and submit it to IASME who are the official partner of the National Cyber Security Centre (the governing body of Cyber Essentials).

The assessment consists of a number of questions about your technology (hardware, software, applications), policies and procedures.

From there an assessor will review what you have answered and either pass or fail you based on the answers that you have provided.

Cyber Essentials is a self-certifying, foundation level standard, but there is also a second, more advanced version, Cyber Essentials Plus, where not only do you submit your written answers, but your systems are audited by an independent auditor. During this audit they will:

- + Perform an External Network Vulnerability Scan
- Perform an Internal Network Vulnerability Scan (including checking for patches)
- + Review your Malware Protection across a sample of devices such as laptops, workstations and mobile handsets, to check:
 - Whether your Antivirus solution is up to date
 - Whether your email filter blocks test malware
 - Whether your Antivirus or other security solutions blocks the download of test malware

What do Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus do for your business?

Being Cyber Essentials certified reassures customers that you are working to create an environment more resilient to cyberattacks - Cyber Essentials Plus requires evidence that you have put measures in place to protect against such attacks.

It sets a level of processes and recommendations that help to protect your business, with the Cyber Essentials accreditation helping you to:

- Reassure customers that you are working to secure your IT against cyber attack
- Attract new business with the promise that you have cyber security measures in place
- Provide you with a clear picture of your organisation's cyber security level
- Ensure your eligibility for government contracts that require Cyber Essentials certification

What are the ways in which you can become certified?

We offer services helping customers to become Cyber Essentials accredited - from assisting with assessment to a fully managed service, ongoing annually, ensuring that you remain aligned to the standard. Our tiers offer varying support levels towards obtaining your certification for either Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus. Each tier works to ensure that you are compliant with IASME standards, and can become certified for that one point in time.

Consultancy

	Advise: Cyber Essentials I wish to confirm my policies and devices meet the CE requirements before assessment	Advise: Cyber Essentials Plus I wish to confirm my policies and devices meet the CE+ requirements before assessment	Consult & Discovery I'm unsure of my security posture and want my organisation to be reviewed against CE controls
Question Set Consultancy Q&A of Cyber Essentials Question Set with a Cyber Essentials qualified Security Professional			
Policy Consultancy Review of your written policy controls and verification that they apply to the Cyber Essentials assessment criteria			
Threat and Vulnerability Scan Threat and Vulnerability scan of your network with suggested remediation action for each item		Up to 20 External IP addresses and 3x Internal subnets	
Cyber Essentials Plus Sample Audit Conduct a mock audit of a sample of devices against the controls for Cyber Essentials Plus. Up to 15 devices			
Environment Review Collection of data from your environment to answer questions about its current state for End User Devices, Network Devices & Technical Controls			
Report A detailed report on Gaps to be closed against the Cyber Essentials standard including a detailed remediation plan			
Price	£1,350	£3,150	Get a Quote
Additional services Intensive remediation scoped on per project basis Managed Security Service available, scoped separately	Find out more	Find out more	

Assessment

	Cyber Essentials Assessment I want to apply for the Cyber Essentials Certificate	Cyber Essentials Plus Assessment I want to apply for the Cyber Essentials Plus Certificate	
Cyber Essentials Assessment ** Submission of question set to IASME portal Assessment of answers provided against the Cyber Essentials Standard Issue of the certificate (if successful)			
Cyber Essentials Plus Audit Audit and report to governing body against the Cyber Essentials Plus criteria			
Price	Price based on Org Size 0-9 Employees £750 10-49 Employees £850 50-249 Employees £900 250+ Employees £950	10-49 Employees £2,400 50-249 Employees £2,450	

^{**} IASME will always require an audit to be performed by a certification body in addition to their certification charges. We are a certification body for IASME and can undertake this audit for you. Our Accreditation Price is for a managed end-to-end IASME audit, submission and certification.

Why choose Managed Cyber Essentials?

In recommending that you take a long-term approach to security, Wanstor are offering a Managed Cyber Essentials service that ensures your security posture is maintained to the Cyber Essentials standard on an ongoing basis.

With our managed solution, you will have access to Cyber Essentials certified engineers, 24/7 monitoring capability, proactive management and more to help keep your business safe. Wanstor will manage and report on the technical controls you must maintain to adhere to a Cyber Essentials Standard, aligned to the sections of the assessment set out Cyber Essentials. This will include the following activities:



Asset discovery



Patch management



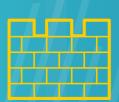
Network device management



Threat & vulnerability scan & report



Antivirus management



Firewall NAT
& Access rules
review & remediation



Software firewall status review & remediation



Local user account review & remediation



Security GPO / Policy review



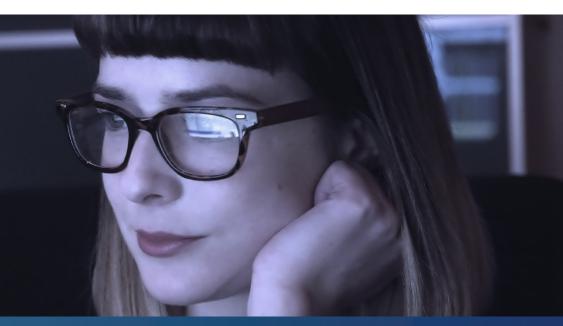
Administrative account report

Why Wanstor?

Wanstor design, deliver and manage award-winning IT solutions that are expertly aligned to your specific sector and business needs, and we're confident that the focus and care we provide to your business and users will be unmatched by any other provider.

We have been working with customers for nearly 20 years, providing a range of services including Managed Cyber Essentials services that help keep them safe against a constant changing cyber landscape. We know security inside and out, providing our customers with unrivalled support as they navigate their security IT infrastructure.

When it comes to your Cyber Essentials certification, we are one of only a handful of IASME certified bodies in the UK - meaning we can not only advise and guide you through the process but we can also perform your Cyber Essentials Plus audit.







Adhering to the Cyber Essentials standards is the first step in securing your organisation against the most common security threats. Every organisation should be using this framework to make sure you are doing the basics well.

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