



# Cyber Essentials

Over 80% of UK businesses are vulnerable to relatively common security threats which could simply be avoided. The Cyber Essentials framework is a foundation level certification designed to provide a statement of the basic controls your organisation should have in place to mitigate the risk from common cyber threats.



## What is Cyber Essentials?

**Cyber Essentials is a government-backed scheme that outlines the basic steps that businesses and organisations can take to secure their systems.**

It is based on implementing five controls around an organisation's use of IT and data, and if implemented effectively will help prevent about 80% of cyber-attacks.

The Cyber Essentials accreditation for business was launched in 2014, designed by the UK Government to provide a universal framework for all business leaders to protect their company against emerging cyber threats.

The accreditation provides businesses with a base level, which organisations of all sizes can adhere to, ensuring confidence when working with partner corporations. Not only does Cyber Essentials provide confidence to your customers, but it also provides an additional level of assurance

internally, as company stakeholders can be certain that a best practice framework exists to protect corporate assets.

The five core controls involve configurations, setup and working practices around:

- Access control
- Firewalls and routers
- Malware protection
- Secure configuration
- Software updates

Our fully trained and certified cyber security experts will conduct an audit of your IT systems and practices and subsequently provide a roadmap, and associated implementation plan, to enable your business to achieve the Cyber Essentials accreditation.

Once approved our cyber team will implement the plan including the provision of any and all necessary employee training. It is important to recognise that any cyber security tools and systems cannot mitigate the impact of an unknowledgeable, or ill prepared team of employees, to cyber threats. Following the implementation of the plan TMT will ensure the certification of the business.

## BENEFITS

**Customer and Industry Recognition** - Demonstrate to your clients, suppliers, and stakeholders that your company takes security seriously.

**Baseline Your Security Infrastructure** - Get a clear picture of your organisation's current resilience to cybersecurity threats.

**Protect your Organisation** - By implementing Cyber Essentials you will have taken steps to substantially reduce the threat of common cyberattacks.

**Improve your Brand** - Through the achievement of Cyber Essentials your organisation will be certified on the National Cyber Security Centre website.

**Enhance your GDPR Status** - By achieving Cyber Essentials your organisation can show that you have taken steps to protect sensitive data as required by GDPR regulations.

**Open New Sources of Revenue** - Government and public-sector organisations increasingly require potential suppliers to have Cyber Essentials accreditation before issuing an invitation to tender or other offer of work.

