

WHAT IS CYBER ESSENTIALS?



Cyber Essentials is a UK government-backed certification scheme introduced in 2013. It focuses on basic cybersecurity hygiene and provides a set of essential security controls that organizations should implement to safeguard against common cyber threats, making it particularly useful for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The Cyber Essentials Plus Certification not only enhances your cybersecurity preparedness but also serves as a valuable asset for marketing, regulatory compliance, and business growth. It's a practical step towards building trust with customers, attracting new clients, gaining insights into your cybersecurity posture, and ensuring eligibility for government contracts when necessary.

WHY SHOULD YOU BE CONSIDERING CYBER ESSENTIALS PLUS CERTIFICATION?

Enhanced Security and Third-Party Assurance: Cyber Essentials Certification not only strengthens your cybersecurity but also ensures the security of third-party relationships, meeting requirements in industry-specific certifications including ISO 27001. This proactive approach builds trust by safeguarding client data across your business ecosystem.



Attract New Business: Prominently displaying Cyber Essentials Certification on your materials and website can attract clients seeking secure partners, giving your organization a competitive edge and new business opportunities.



Supplier Chain Demands: Adhering to the third-party security requirements outlined in Cyber Essentials can cultivate confidence among partners and suppliers, thereby nurturing trust and reliability within the supply chain ecosystem.



Clear Cyber-Security Assessment: Obtaining Cyber Essentials Certification involves a thorough IT and cybersecurity assessment, providing insights into vulnerabilities and strengths. It helps you develop a robust cybersecurity strategy and gain a clear understanding of your security posture.



Government Contract Eligibility: In many countries, government contracts require cybersecurity standards compliance. Cyber Essentials Certification can be mandatory, expanding your business opportunities by making you eligible for government contracts and RFPs.



CYBER ESSENTIALS OR CYBER ESSENTIALS PLUS?

Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus are both cybersecurity certification schemes in the UK. The main difference is the level of assessment and validation. Cyber Essentials requires a self-assessment questionnaire, while Cyber Essentials Plus involves a more rigorous evaluation with additional vulnerability testing and on-site verification conducted by a certified assessor. Cyber Essentials Plus provides a higher level of assurance regarding an organisation's cybersecurity posture compared to the basic Cyber Essentials certification.

HOW CAN DISCLOSURE HELP?

Disclosure have created a security service to directly address this issue. From its inception in 2017, we have offered a governance methodology service that encompasses people, process and technology. Accompanying the advice from our team, we also provide our own CISO-as-a-service platform CyScan.

CISO-as-a-Service directly addresses the shortfall of skilled security leaders and their associated costs, providing organisations with a simple to consume, cost effective service, right sized and optimised for their needs.

We differentiate ourselves by providing concise and actionable recommendations, dramatically reducing the time taken to resolve vulnerabilities. From the initial onboarding, organisations benefit from an optimised approach that traverses the following key stages:

Assess - Full end-to-end visibility of the operational environment. Through vulnerability, posture, technical and source code assessments, Disclosure defines, identifies, and classifies the security vulnerabilities in the organisation's environment.

Mature Security Controls - Our experienced security consultants work with our clients to strategize, plan and execute a viable information security program, by providing clear and concise guidance on the steps necessary to improve people, processes and technology.

Employee Training - with our vast knowledge and experience in the industry, we have an excellent array of tools and a large network of skilled educators to ensure that your users are aware of and prepared for any potential bad actors.

The CyScan Platform is a cybersecurity solution finely tuned for organisations aiming to attain Cyber Essentials Plus certification.

With a modular approach, you can cherry-pick the modules that seamlessly align with the stringent Cyber Essentials Plus requirements, allowing for a tailored solution that accommodates your budget, whether you're an SME or a Corporate entity.

This platform accompanied with our teams advice equips your organization to navigate the complexities of cybersecurity and emerge successfully with Cyber Essentials Plus certification.

WHO ARE DISCLOSURE?

Disclosure CyberSecurity Limited ('DCS' or 'Disclosure') is a specialist cyber security company, formed by experienced consultants with extensive knowledge and wide exposure in the cyber security market. We have the breadth and depth of experience to think differently about what really needs to change in a cyber security environment to make our clients more secure and most importantly we have the proven ability to implement this change.

At Disclosure we understand that cyber security is a critical aspect of any modern business. In today's digital world companies are facing an unprecedented situation; the compromise of a cyber-attack is just a "mouse click" away. It's a matter of when, not if, an attack will take place. All organisations, no matter of their size or vertical, are at risk as the cyber criminals are deploying the latest tools, methods and artificial intelligence technologies to automate their concentrated attacks. Continually probing for the weak points in cyber defences, learning and adapting their attacks until they finally succeed!



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