Gain your Cyber Essentials certifications with PGI

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PGI is a leading provider of the Cyber Essentials certification scheme.

Since its launch in 2014 we've enabled hundreds of UK businesses to achieve success by improving their cyber security processes and demonstrating their commitment to retaining it. We work flexibly with companies of all sizes.

Easy to implement

Can help to prevent over 80% of all cyber-attacks

What is Cyber Essentials?

Launched by the government's National Cyber Security Centre, the scheme ensures that businesses and organisations better understand and can implement fundamental digital security measures themselves. It enables them to mitigate risk and protect their infrastructure and data from potential harm.

There are two levels of certification: Cyber Essentials (CE) and Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+). Both certifications ensure you have in place the five critical cyber security controls that all businesses should be implementing:

- Secure connections to the internet
- Secure devices and configurations
- Controlled access to devices and data
- Protection from viruses and other malware
- Management of software patches and updates

Which certification is right for my organisation?

Cyber Essentials

Cyber Essentials is required as a minimum standard for UK government suppliers (or those bidding for government contracts) who handle any sensitive and personal information.

It is one of the most simple, straightforward, and cost-effective frameworks for improving security, keeping your valuable data safe and secure. It shows that you are dedicated to protecting the privacy of your clients, employees, and shareholders.

It also helps you to meet the security requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Self-assessment questionnaire focused on your policies and procedures and security measures of your external-facing services (e.g. your website and emails). Responses are reviewed by PGI's cyber experts.

Cyber Essentials Plus

Cyber Essentials Plus is a highly regarded certification, suitable for small and large businesses looking for a real improvement in their existing cybersecurity controls. It provides the same benefits of the basic Cyber Essentials, with two important additional benefits:

External validation of your controls will be completed by one of our experienced security consultants.

You will be given a higher level of security assurance for internal and external stakeholders, such as:

- The supply chain
- Insurance providers
- IT/security staff
- Board level management

Recommended for businesses that require a higher level of security assurance and external validation that controls adhere to best practice.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

This certification includes the basic Cyber Essentials, plus an independent, vulnerability assessment and review of key security controls, including email and web, user endpoints and mobile devices.

Why choose PGI?

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Our team of experts:

Our experienced, multi-disciplined team understands how information security and cyber security intersect, ensuring an in depth understanding of your needs.

Trusted as a certified body by the IASME Consortium, the organisation that licenses the scheme.

We have high standards and are accredited to prove it as a CREST Member.

"We have engaged the services of PGI on multiple occasions to help us take our clients through the Cyber Essentials Accreditation. We find them to be advisory, communicative, and collaborative ensuring that a sometimes-demanding process is made far easier and expeditious. The PGI team is extremely helpful and work closely with us to achieve the best results. "

ACCOUNT MANAGER, SHARP IT SERVICES

"PGI helped us achieve our Cyber Essentials certification. The staff were very helpful throughout the process and the questionnaire was easy to use. What we thought put PGI above other providers is the guidance included in the (already competitive) price."

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