Bureau Veritas CYBER ESSENTIALS
& CYBER ESSENTIALS PLUS

CYBER SECURITY CERTIFICATION

Apply international cyber security controls with Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus certification to reassure stakeholders and access new markets...

Cyber-attacks are becoming frequent and high profile enough to spur government initiatives to build resilience in businesses and public services, and to develop legislation to bring regulation to this rapidly growing but vulnerable part of their economies.

What is Cyber Essentials?

In order to support the strengthening of information security capabilities in all sizes of organizations the UK government developed 10-steps guidance and a two-stage certification scheme, with Cyber Essentials (CE) as the first stage. The organization identifies the systems most likely to be at risk from a low skilled attacker and implements a set of controls recommended to provide basic protection. These information systems controls include boundary firewalls and internet gateways, secure configuration, access control, malware protection and software patch management.

Once these controls have been implemented the organization completes a detailed online questionnaire, which should be reviewed and approved by senior management before being submitted for independent evaluation via one of the CE accreditation body web portals, such as APMG. An information security expert from a third party certification body such as Bureau Veritas Certification reviews the questionnaire and confirms if the required standard of implementation has been reached in order to receive CE certification. The certificate is posted online and the organization can display the CE badge on its sales and marketing materials.

What is Cyber Essentials Plus?

The second stage, Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+), sees the organization independently tested by an information security auditor to verify that their systems and controls meet the requirements of the CE+ scheme. This stage typically involves a more intensive testing, including penetration testing, vulnerability scanning and a site visit to the facilities hosting the services and therefore requires more investment.

Who is Cyber Essentials & Cyber Essentials Plus for?

All businesses operating online, selling goods and services online, or storing customer details and personal data, should aim to adopt CE as a minimum safeguard. CE certification is a pre-requisite for UK government contract work and enables a company to demonstrate a base level of cyber security competence at low cost. CE+ is the logical next step and is likely to form part of wider ranging cyber security and information risk management approach.

Go direct to the APMG website to start your Cyber Essentials assessment