

baigent's guide to Cyber Essentials

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Cyber crime is an increasing concern for all organisations, regardless of size. To help any type of organisation attain a baseline level of cyber security and to help them to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of the most common cyber-attacks, in June 2014, the UK Government launched The Cyber Essentials Scheme.

What is Cyber Essentials?



Achieving the Cyber Essentials certification means that an organisation's IT systems meet a certain level in the five following controls:

- 1. Boundary Firewalls and Internet Gateways** – these are devices designed to prevent unauthorised access to or from private networks. Good setup of these devices is important for them to be fully effective.
- 2. Secure Configuration** – ensuring that systems are configured in the most secure way for the needs of the organisation.
- 3. Access Control** – ensuring only those who should have access to systems have access and at the appropriate level.
- 4. Malware Protection** – ensuring that virus and malware protection is installed and is up to date.
- 5. Patch Management** – ensuring that the latest supported version of applications is used and all the necessary patches supplied by the vendor have been applied.

Key Cyber Essentials Benefits:

- Demonstrates to customers that your business takes cyber security seriously.
- Provides some clarity on the essential security controls your business needs to have in place.
- Identifies areas within organisations where there is room for improving existing security controls.
- Automatic cyber liability insurance for UK domiciled organisations with less than £20m turnover who pass the assessment (terms apply).
- A good start for building up to a more comprehensive information assurance management system such as the IASME standard or ISO27001.
- Get the edge on your competitors – UK Government requires personal information-handling contracts to be certified against The Cyber Essentials Scheme.
- Required for Ministry of Defence (MoD) supply chain contracts under Defence Cyber Protection Partnership (DCPP) for levels of cyber risk very low to high.

How to get the Cyber Essentials Certification



Cyber Essentials: (assisted)

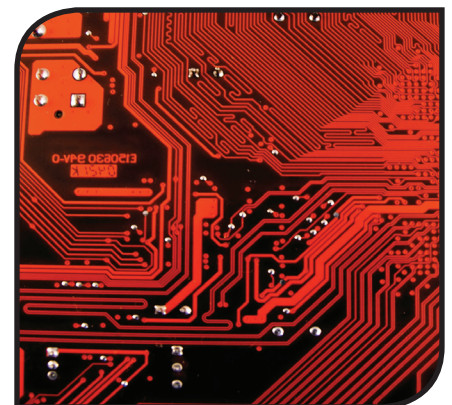
Baigent's Information Security Services Ltd. provide a personalised service which begins with an on-site consultation to prepare your organisation for the Cyber Essentials certification process. We will provide advice and guidance on completing the self-assessment questionnaire and will make recommendations for any measures that you need to implement to meet the appropriate requirements. Following submission, the questionnaire is then verified by an independent Certification Body (IASME Consortium). Prices start from £550*



Cyber Essentials Plus:

Offers a higher level of assurance through the internal and external testing of the organisation's cyber security. The Cyber Essentials **Plus** is as above but has the added benefit of a comprehensive vulnerability scan and health check. Prices Start from £1250*

*Costs are based on a single location and network, and may vary depending on complexity of the organisation and fees from the accreditation body.



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