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Cyber Essentials Brochure

Introduction to Cyber Essentials (CE)

Stories of organisations exposing customers' information to cyber threats continue to create headlines in the media, it is becoming increasingly important to not only maintain a robust cyber security stance but also to demonstrate this to their stakeholders.

The UK Government requires all suppliers bidding for certain sensitive and personal information handling contracts to be certified against the Cyber Essentials Scheme. Increasingly, private business is requiring the same from their suppliers. Cyber Essentials is the Government-backed cyber security certification scheme that sets out a baseline of cyber security suitable for all organisations. The scheme's five security controls is indeed in improve the prevention of around 80% of cyber-attacks.

The Cyber Essentials scheme has been developed by Government and industry to fulfil two functions:

1. To provide a clear statement of the basic controls all organisations should implement to mitigate the risk from common internet-based attacks
2. Through the Assurance Framework, to offer a mechanism for organisations to demonstrate to customers, investors, insurers, and others that essential precautions have been taken.

Cyber Essentials Concentrates on 5 Key Controls:

1. Secure Configuration
2. Boundary Walls and Internet Gateways
3. Access Control and Administrative Privilege Management
4. Patch Management
5. Malware Protection

Cyber essentials basic (stage 1)

Cyber Essentials Basic certification is awarded based on an independently verified self-assessment questionnaire. Organisations assess themselves against the five security controls.

The questionnaire is then verified by a Certification Body to assess whether an appropriate standard has been achieved, and certification can be awarded.

Cyber essentials plus (stage 2)

Cyber Essentials Plus offers additional independent assurance that an organisation is complying to Cyber Essentials through both internal and external tests of the organisation's network and computers. These tests are more stringent than CE Basic (Stage 1).

To achieve Cyber Essentials Plus, an organisation must first have completed the Cyber Essentials basic certification.

