## Cyber Essentials Certification

Scope of Work





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Cyber Essentials was developed in collaboration with industry partners such as the Information Security Forum, the Information Assurance for Small and Medium Enterprises Consortium, and the British Standards Institution.

With over 80% of UK businesses vulnerable to avoidable security threats, the Cyber Essentials framework has been designed as a strong security baseline for every business in every industry. Mapping against five simple key controls means it's easy to achieve Cyber Essentials certification with the right help.

Only 58% of businesses have assessed themselves against the governments "10 Steps" cyber security guidance and only 30% of boards receive regular cyber security intelligence.

## What are the benefits of Cyber Essentials Certification?

- Prevent around 80% of cyber attacks
  - Correctly implementing the five basic security controls will protect your organisation against the most common cyber threats.
- Demonstrate security and secure your supply chain
  - Achieving Cyber Essentials certification will help you demonstrate your commitment to data protection and cyber security.
- Win new contracts, clients and customers
  - Cyber Essentials certification will help boost your reputation and give you a better chance of winning new business
- Drive business efficiency
  - You will be able to focus on your core business objectives while knowing that you are protected from the most common cyber attacks.
- Reduce cyber insurance premiums
  - Cyber insurance agencies look more favourably on organisations that have achieved Cyber Essentials certification.

Many organisations – smaller ones in particular – believe they are unlikely to be targeted by cyber attackers, but that is to misunderstand the nature of modern cyber crime.

In fact, the majority of criminal hackers aren't state-sponsored agencies or activists looking for high-profile targets, and they don't spend countless hours staking out and researching their victims.

Instead, they're more opportunistic, using automated attacks to exploit poorly protected targets.

## **Cyber Essentials Scope:**

- Firewalls
- Secure Configurations
- Access Control
- Malware Protection
- Patch Management

Vulnerability Scan:

• External Scan