ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Cyber Essentials.

Stay ahead of new cyber security risks by assessing your systems against a recognised framework each year.

Cyber Essentials represents the UK Government's minimum baseline standard for cyber security for organisations of all sizes in the UK. The annually renewable certification scheme is aligned to five technical controls designed to prevent the most common internet-based cyber security threats. Cyber Essentials certification demonstrates that an organisation is protecting itself by implementing the most important cyber security controls.

THE FOUNDATION

Five technical controls

- **Firewalls**
  Secure the boundary between your network and the internet.
- **Secure configuration**
  Remove unnecessary software and default settings.
- **Security update management**
  Keep devices and software patched and supported.
- **User access control**
  Limit accounts and privileges to what people need.
- **Malware protection**
  Defend against viruses and other malicious software.

AVAILABLE IN TWO LEVELS

CYBER ESSENTIALS

Cyber Essentials works in the format of a self-assessment questionnaire. Organisations answer a series of questions related to their employees, devices, and work location as well as questions that address the five core controls. The answers must be signed-off by a board member or equivalent and the answers are then marked by an independent certified assessor.

CYBER ESSENTIALS PLUS

Cyber Essentials Plus, based on the same assessment criteria as Cyber Essentials, includes a technical audit of the organisation's IT systems to verify that the controls are in place. The audit covers a representative set of user devices, all internet gateways, and all servers with services accessible to the internet. Cyber Essentials is a prerequisite to Cyber Essentials Plus.

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WHY CYBER ESSENTIALS

Reduce Cyber Risk & Impact

Free Cyber Liability Insurance*

Demonstrate Commitment to Cyber Security

UK Government-backed Certification

Expert advice and support throughout the process

Ekco is an IASME approved Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus Certification Body that can certify your business and provide support throughout the process. Our approach to helping organisations improve their cyber security and achieve certification is tried and tested.

2,000+

Cyber Essentials & Cyber Essentials Plus certificates delivered

Your path to Cyber Essentials

Consultation & advice → **Self-assessment** → **Validation** → **Certification**

Continue to Cyber Essentials Plus

Consultation & advice → **Technical audit** → **Certification**

GET STARTED

Contact your Account Manager today to start your Cyber Essentials journey.

Speak to Ekco

*UK-domiciled organisations with a turnover under £20m achieving Cyber Essentials covering their whole organisation are entitled to Cyber Liability Insurance up to a total liability limit of £25,000. See https://iasme.co.uk/cyber-essentials/cyber-liability-insurance/ for more information.

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