

Is **Cyber Essentials** for you?

Businesses of all shapes and sizes use Cyber Essentials to help protect their IT from attack. You could too.

No matter what your organisation does, Cyber Essentials can help to keep the devices and data you rely on safe.

We understand that not everyone has a dedicated IT department, or an in-depth knowledge of cyber security.

Cyber Essentials has been designed to be flexible, taking into account all types and sizes of organisation.

Certification will reassure current and potential customers that you take cyber security seriously. You'll also be listed in our directory of certified organisations.

Further information

Information online that will help you secure your IT against cyber attack.

www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk

www.ncsc.gov.uk/smallbusiness

www.ncsc.gov.uk/charity

www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/10-steps-cyber-security

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What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials is a simple and effective Government backed scheme that will help you protect your organisation against a range of the most common cyber attacks.

From the small scale startup to the established and growing business, Cyber Essentials will help you avoid the consequences of such things as:

- ✔ **Phishing attacks**
- ✔ **Malware**
- ✔ **Ransomware**
- ✔ **Password guessing**
- ✔ **Network attacks**

Our advice, in the shape of five technical controls, is easy to implement and designed to guard against these attacks.



Three levels of engagement

Not everyone has the time or resources needed to develop a full-on cyber security system. So we've designed Cyber Essentials to fit with whatever level of commitment you are able to sustain.

- ✔ Simply familiarise yourself with cyber security terminology. By reading the guidance on our website, at www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk/advice/ you can gain enough knowledge to begin securing your IT.
- ✔ Go for basic (entry level) Cyber Essentials certification. Our self-assessment option helps you protect your business from the most common cyber attacks. The process is simple and certification costs around £300.
- ✔ For those who want to take cyber security further, you can go for Cyber Essentials Plus certification. You still get the Cyber Essentials trademark simplicity of approach, but this time your cyber security is verified by independent professionals.



How does Cyber Essentials work?

Cyber Essentials sets out five controls which you can implement immediately to strengthen your cyber defences:

- 1 Use a firewall to secure your Internet connection
- 2 Choose the most secure settings for your devices and software
- 3 Control who has access to your data and services
- 4 Protect yourself from viruses and other malware
- 5 Keep your devices and software up to date

