



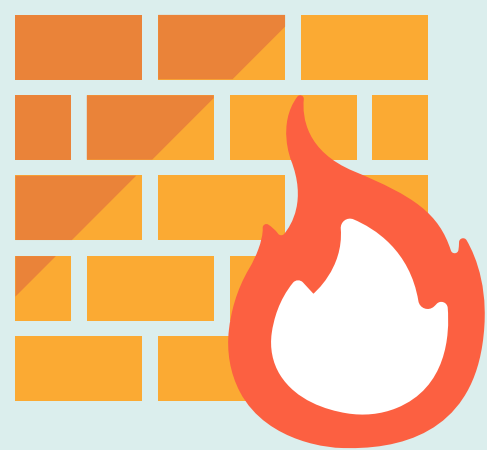
The Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus framework was originally developed by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre to help businesses become more aware and secure against cyber-attacks and data breaches from technology systems. By holding Cyber Essentials accreditation you are telling your current and prospective customers, clients and suppliers that you take cyber security seriously and are actively implementing measures to put your organisation in a much more secure position against cyber threats and information risks.

What are you assessed against?

The following five security controls might appear quite daunting to smaller businesses but many of the security measures required for accreditation are low-cost and, in some cases, may already be in place, or not yet applied or realised.

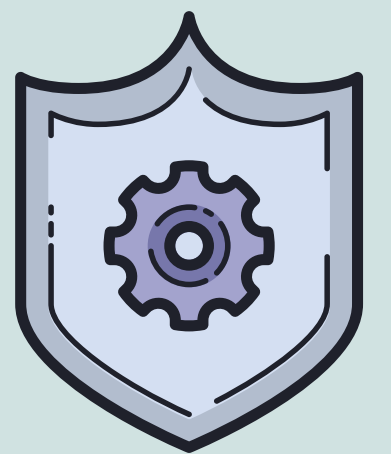
Firewalls

Ensuring you have sufficient protection for your devices and networks from Internet-based threats.



Secure Configuration

Changing all default passwords, removing redundant accounts and setting up device locking etc.



Security Update Management

Ensuring all hardware and software is kept up to date and that patches are implemented in a timely manner.



User Access Control

Giving users access only to the resources and data necessary for their roles.



Malware Protection

Protecting against threats such as viruses and other cyber threats on all your devices.



Accreditation and funding



Accreditation lasts for 12 months before another assessment is required. This might seem quite a short amount of time, however, technology and security threats move and adapt quickly so it is important that you can prove you have kept your controls up to date. Some assessors may offer a renewal discount for successive years for returning customers.

Once accredited, you may even be eligible for 12 months of free cyber insurance (terms & conditions apply). To find out more information about the Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus accreditations, please visit: www.ocsia.im.

