

What is Cyber Essentials?

The **Cyber Essentials** scheme is a UK cybersecurity certification that outlines the security procedures a company should have in place to secure its data. **Cyber Essentials** is highly recommended for SMEs because this certification protects you against **98.5%** of the most common cyber threats.



How do you achieve Cyber Essentials?

To achieve a **Cyber Essentials** certification, you must complete a self-assessment questionnaire and submit it through an online portal. Once you've applied, a certification body assesses and grades the application.



When should you get Cyber Essentials certified?

The truth is, any business looking to improve its security could benefit from **Cyber Essentials** certification. However, we particularly recommend **Cyber Essentials** if:

- ✓ You want a thorough assessment of your cybersecurity measures and proof your business takes cybersecurity seriously
- ✓ You work with (or want to work with) prestigious clients and want to show them that data protection is a top priority
- ✓ You work in an industry with higher-than-standard cybersecurity requirements
- ✓ You plan to bid for government tenders or want to apply for government funding (for example, ESFA Education and Skills contracts)



What is Cyber Essentials Plus?

Cyber Essentials Plus follows the same simple approach and offers the same benefits as **Cyber Essentials**. However, it differs in one key aspect; **Cyber Essentials Plus** includes a technical audit of your system. The controls are the same, the audit just ensures they're in place and properly configured.

The audit process takes a little more effort than the standard certification, but it's worth it for the peace of mind that your security is up to standard.



How Cyber Essentials Plus works

- ✓ The online assessment is the same as the **Cyber Essentials Plus** certification
- ✓ If you have **Cyber Essentials** already, you must make your Plus audits within 3 months of your last certification
- ✓ Accredited businesses are certified for 12 months
- ✓ New applicants can complete their online certification as part of **Cyber Essentials Plus**
- ✓ Auditors typically review your head office and some of your other offices to carry out the tests on a random sample of your systems
- ✓ Many auditors offer remote audits



Why CyberSmart for Cyber Essentials?

CyberSmart is the UK's leading provider of **Cyber Essentials**, helping thousands of SMEs get certified every year. As well as being the fastest route to certification on the market, **CyberSmart** has also developed tools to give your business complete cyber confidence.

Certification is supported by an all-in-one cybersecurity monitoring, optimisation, training and insurance solution proven to defend against the unexpected. Get everyday cyber protection with always-on monitoring and support, easy-to-follow instructions for fixing vulnerabilities, and bite-sized cyber awareness training for staff.

Monthly subscriptions are available for CE and CE+ certification, cyber liability insurance and access to a suite of cybersecurity tools.



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