



# **Achieving Cyber Essentials Certification**

Our Guidance for Demonstrating your Security  
Credentials

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## Our Guidance for Responsible Supply Chain Security

*"It is vital that organisations have a clear view of the risks posed to them by their supply chain and, as such, accreditations such as Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials plus assist with demonstrating the required level of security capability. This provides a level of assurance that is required by all major organisations today."*

**Tim Harwood**  
CEO

The Cyber Essentials certification program is a UK Government backed process that has been designed to assist businesses of all shapes and sizes minimise their own cyber security risk and, at the same time, demonstrate a commitment to their customers, employees and partners to protect information.

Siker Limited (as part of the HS and TC Group) offers organisations the deep technical knowledge and expertise that will assist them in obtaining the relevant accreditation.

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### An Overview of Cyber Essentials Scheme

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The scheme has been developed as part of the UK Cyber Security Strategy, to assist mainly Small and Medium sized businesses in demonstrating their own level of security to an agreed standard which, in turn, provides their customers with the assurance that they can be relied upon.

#### The Benefits of Cyber Essentials

There are several key benefits to obtaining Cyber Essentials and some of these are:

- **Protection of key assets** - Cyber Essentials helps businesses to identify and reduce their cyber risk
- **Reputation Enhancement** - Businesses can demonstrate that they take cyber security seriously.
- **Opening Government Marketplace** - Cyber Essentials accreditation is mandatory for any business wishing to submit a bid for a UK government contract that involves the handling of personal or sensitive information
- **A verified and recognised accreditation** - Cyber Essentials provides independent verification of your cyber posture

#### Key Security Controls

There are five main security controls that are assessed by the Cyber Essentials process and these are based upon analysis of common attack vectors which affect a range of corporate IT systems. The five controls are:

- **Access Permissions** - identifies existing provisioning and network management that allows users to stay safe and identifies unnecessary access.
- **Safe configuration of computers and network devices** - identifies any high-risk area including

unnecessary software and effective back up/restore solutions

- **Secure set-up of boundary devices** - ensures protection for devices and applications connected to the boundary such as firewalls and internet gateways
- **Virus protection** - Ensures effective management of malware protection on all internet-enabled devices.
- **Patch management** - Ensures that all installed software is up to date, correctly licensed and does not contain any technical vulnerabilities

#### Routes to certification

Whether an organisation wants to take an active part in the assessment or just wants it completed, Siker's range of packages offer the expert help needed to define the assessment scope, complete the self-assessment questionnaire and assist with implementing key security controls.

For a detailed description of our packages see the table below:

Package	Self-Assessment	Online Consultation	On-Site Consultation
<b>Price</b> (Ex VAT and Travel)		<b>£250</b> (per 2 hours)	<b>£750</b>
<b>What's Included?</b>			
Self-Assessment Questionnaire	Y	Y	Y
Unlimited email Q&A	Y	Y	Y
Access to Consultant online (2 hours)	N	Y	N
One day onsite consultancy (see note 1)	N	N	Y
Assessment Review	N	Y	Y
Documentation	Optional	Optional	Y
Re-Assessment if queries raised (see note 2)	Optional	Y	Y

Notes:

1 - Additional on-site consultancy days can be purchased at £750 plus VAT and travel

2 - Reassessment applies to companies that fail initial assessment and must be completed within 2 weeks of notification

3 - Multiple sites can be inspected at optional cost

Allow us to help you safeguard your business

It's not just what we do - **it's how we do it!**

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Talk to our experts about Cyber Essentials today

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