

# CYBER ESSENTIALS

## HOW TO PASS FIRST TIME



Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus certification can be a daunting process, particularly for SMEs with limited resources. However, if you follow the steps below, you'll be well placed to pass Cyber Essentials first time.



### UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS

First up is a 52-point questionnaire on the 5 core technical controls, as well as an external vulnerability scan. For Cyber Essentials Plus, you'll also need workstation build reviews, an internal vulnerability scan, and independent validation by a certification body.



### SETTING THE SCOPE

This answers the question of 'What will Cyber Essentials apply to?' For example, you may wish to only include a certain subsidiary within the scope. If so, you'll need to ensure that is then technically isolated from other areas of the business.



### ALWAYS UPDATE

Keeping on top of updates is important in any business and is best practice for a reason. If you're not regularly updating software and installing patches, then you'll find gaining certification a challenge.



### USE THE BEST SETTINGS

Devices, firewalls and anti-virus software should be correctly configured to best protect your business. This can differ from company to company, but your configurations must be set to block the most common potential threats.



### BUILD EVERYTHING TO A SPECIFIC STANDARD

Cyber Essentials Plus requires a review of your workstations and devices for security vulnerabilities. So ensuring every desktop, laptop and mobile device is built to a standard image means you'll be a step ahead.

"Bulletproof demonstrated their expertise from day one, and thanks to their insight we passed Cyber Essentials first time. With our 10-year history of keeping customer data secure, the Cyber Essentials scheme adds further confidence and value to Backup Systems offerings."



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