

# Cyber Essentials and ramsac's Cyber Resilience Certification



**Which should your organisation aim to achieve?** Cyber Essentials is a certification endorsed by the UK government, and is highly sought after. However, unlike ramsac's Cyber Resilience Certification, it is limited in what it covers, leaving you not as secure as you may believe, and without realistic recommendations and reassurance.

## What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials is a UK Government-backed scheme designed to help organisations of all sizes protect themselves from cyber threats. It defines a set of basic technical controls that all organisations should put in place to reduce their cyber risk and minimise the impact of a cyber-attack.



## Why would my organisation need Cyber Essentials?

As cyber threats continue to increase in frequency and sophistication, more and more organisations expect their partners and suppliers to ensure that their data is protected. Achieving the Government-backed Cyber Essentials certification demonstrates to your customers that you are striving to safeguard their data. Some organisations may also stipulate that a partner or supplier has Cyber Essentials before they will do business with them.

## Is Cyber Essentials the right fit for every organisation?

ramsac recommend that you perform a regular review (at least annually) of your cybersecurity measures to safeguard from cyber threats, but this doesn't mean that Cyber Essentials is the right fit for all organisations:

- Cyber Essentials is a rigid **"one size fits all"** approach, so smaller organisations may find it doesn't align with their business structure.
- Cyber Essentials can be achieved through a **self-certification**; there is no independent audit of what protections an organisation claims to have put in place.
- Although Cyber Essentials covers a wide range of technical controls, these technical controls are only **half the battle**. Training and supporting your people is as equally important, and Cyber Essentials **doesn't cover the "Human Firewall"** aspect of cybersecurity.

## CYBER ESSENTIALS:



**Demonstrates professionalism**



**It doesn't go far enough**  
It is a baseline assessment



**Peace of mind**  
For anyone who works for you



**Not adaptable to your needs**

## What is the ramsac Cyber Resilience Certification?

ramsac's Cyber Resilience Certification (CRC) is a set of cybersecurity measures that we recommend organisations put in place to **protect from cyber threats** and to improve your organisations' **resiliency during a cyber-attack**. CRC is broken up into 3 levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold. We recommend that all organisations should strive to achieve at least our Bronze standard, which lays a solid foundation of security and significantly reduces the risk from common cyber-attacks.

## What makes Cyber Resilience Certification different from Cyber Essentials?

By splitting the ramsac Cyber Resilience Certification into 3 different maturity levels of Bronze, Silver and Gold, we can work with customers to aim for a cyber resilience level that is **achievable and the right fit for their organisation**; we recognise that not every organisation will want to achieve Gold level, and that is ok.

With a CRC assessment, we will assess not just your technical controls, but also the **quality of your IT and Information Security policies**, as well as what people measures you have put in place to ensure a strong "Human Firewall" against cyber threats. If you haven't met a particular measure, we will offer a **realistic recommendation** as to how you can achieve or improve it.

And finally, CRC assessments are performed and evidenced by our in-house Technical and Cybersecurity experts, so when you achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold level, you'll be able to confidently share with your clients that you are cyber resilient.

## So what should I choose for my organisation?

Achieve Cyber Essentials certification if...	Achieve Cyber Resilience certification if...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Your customers are expecting you to have it to do business with you.</li><li>● You would like a Government-backed certification to put on your website.</li><li>● Vying for a government contract? As a pre-requisite you are required to have a Cyber Essentials Accreditation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● You want to confidently demonstrate your cyber resilience to your clients.</li><li>● Cyber Essentials isn't the right fit for your organisation but you want to improve your cyber resilience.</li><li>● You want a well-rounded assessment of your cyber measures, including your "Human Firewall".</li></ul>



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