

# Infosec Essentials

**ASSESS YOUR INFORMATION SECURITY MATURITY,  
INCLUDING STRENGTHS AND IMPROVEMENT AREAS**



## WHAT IS INFOSEC ESSENTIALS?

Created for SMEs, our Infosec Essentials one-day assessment will help you gauge and improve your information security posture, highlight trust and transparency to customers and stakeholders, and save time and costs. It can also be the first step to other assessments and certifications, including ISO/IEC 27001 (information security management systems).

Infosec Essentials includes evaluating information security maturity, from ad hoc processes to a mature information security program. Your information security maturity is represented by three levels – Startup, Emerging and Mature.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

- SMEs who are not ready for a full certification audit against international standards, such as ISO/IEC 27001, due to factors, including cost and complexity
- SMEs who have little to no information security experience and tools, but deal with sensitive material
- Individuals in roles related to information security, risk management and IT governance

## HOW IS AN ORGANIZATION ASSESSED?

Our auditors use a checklist to determine your organization's current information security maturity against the Infosec Essentials' maturity model developed by SGS.

## WHICH AREAS ARE ASSESSED?

Infosec Essentials is based on our information security maturity model that assesses four key areas:

- Organizational
- People
- Physical
- Technological

In general, our experts will look at:

- Security governance
- Risk and asset management
- Information security incident and change management
- Business continuity
- Access control
- Cryptography
- Network, endpoint, operations, human resources, physical and environmental security

## WHAT DO I GET AFTER THE ASSESSMENT?

### AN ASSESSMENT REPORT

This outlines your organization's information security posture, including strengths and improvement areas. It will state the key areas assessed and information security level (Startup, Emerging or Mature) achieved.

### A PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AND MARK

If the Emerging or Mature level is achieved, you will also receive a performance statement and Mark to demonstrate your information security credentials to stakeholders.

## KEY BENEFITS

- Obtain a clear, objective snapshot of your current information security maturity
- Improve information security maturity
- Highlight trust and transparency to stakeholders
- Save time and costs – the simple process covers many aspects in just one day
- The first step toward and prepares you for other assessments and certifications, including ISO/IEC 27001
- Set a solid foundation for continuous improvement
- A trusted information security partner with decades of experience

## WHY SGS?

Our experts from around the globe continually update their knowledge to manage emerging challenges to ensure that your operations are secure and robust.

We identify information security vulnerabilities to help you develop a systematic approach to managing risk profiles, incident preparedness and ongoing improvement programs.

We also contribute to developing international and industry standards and regulations, so we can turn the latest thinking into action for you.

For more information or to begin or enhance your information security journey, visit [SGS.com/Infosec-Essentials](https://SGS.com/Infosec-Essentials) or email [certification@sgs.com](mailto:certification@sgs.com).