

# PCI Training Programme now fully updated to PCI DSS v3.0

ELY, UK, November 26, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- IT Governance Ltd, the leading PCI DSS-compliance services provider, has announced that its unique PCI DSS training courses have been fully updated to reflect the requirements of the recently released PCI DSS v3.0 standard.

On the 7th November, the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SCC) published version 3.0 of the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS v3.0). This new version becomes effective on the 1st Jan 2014 and all organisations have 12 months to ensure a transition from the existing version 2.0 of the standard.

The IT Governance PCI training programme consists of the [PCI Foundation](#) and [PCI Implementation & Maintenance](#) classroom training courses. Delivered by an experienced PCI Qualified Security Assessor (QSA), they provide the knowledge needed to plan and implement a complete programme of activities that fully satisfy the requirements of PCI DSS. They also provide a structured learning path from Foundation to Advanced level and award qualifications from the International Board for IT Governance Qualifications (IBITGQ).

Alan Calder, Founder and Executive Chairman of IT Governance, explains, "In our capacity as an approved QSA company, our principle role is to provide advice and support to organisations to ensure that they achieve and maintain compliance to the requirements of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. With the release of PCI DSS v3.0, the PCI Council have stressed the importance of a 'business as usual' approach to securing cardholder data. This emphasises the importance of continually ensuring compliance rather than just submitting an SAQ form or preparing for an audit once a year!"

He continued, "Although at first glance the new requirements of PCI DSS v3.0 are very modest, in preparing for our upgraded training courses, we have found that there are a number which will have a significant impact on larger merchant retailers and service providers. This includes those with a large estate of PIN entry devices who are required to periodically inspect all devices for tampering or substitution by criminals. Other significant requirements include the need to maintain more accurate information on the PCI - compliant services supplied by 3rd Parties and the need to implement a more effective penetration testing methodology."

The updated PCI Foundation and PCI Implementation & Maintenance classroom training courses are scheduled to first run in London on 14-16th of January 2014. Delegates who successfully

complete these courses and exams will be awarded the relevant Certified PCI qualifications from the International Board for IT Governance Qualifications (IBITGQ). More information is available at [www.itgovernance.co.uk/pci-dss-training-courses.aspx](http://www.itgovernance.co.uk/pci-dss-training-courses.aspx).

Further information can be obtained by downloading a copy of the IT Governance Green Paper '[PCI DSS v3.0: What has changed?](#)' from the IT Governance website.

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