



# IT Governance launches Cyber Essentials products and services to support newly released scheme

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ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, UK, April 30, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- IT Governance, the global leader in information security, IT governance, risk management and compliance expertise, is launching a range of unique products and services designed to help British organisations implement the newly released Cyber Essentials Scheme Requirements. These include a Cyber Essentials self-assessment tool, Foundation training course and an implementation and health check consultancy service, among others.

Alan Calder, Founder and Executive Chairman of IT Governance, says: "The release of the Cyber Essentials Scheme Requirements is a significant milestone in the UK Government's efforts to create a baseline of cyber security measures. We welcome the fact that the five security controls set by the scheme are based on ISO27001, the international information security management standard.

"Thanks to our long-term involvement with information security management systems, notably ISO27001, we are able to launch new, fit-for-purpose Cyber Essentials services to help implement the government's Scheme."

While the document "Cyber Essentials Scheme: Requirements for basic technical protection from cyber attacks" has been officially released, the assurance scheme document, currently put forward for public consultation, is still to be released. This means that no organisation can yet certify against the scheme, but companies can start preparing by implementing the five controls.

Calder says, "Although certification against the new scheme is not available yet, companies can benefit from implementing the scheme early. Competitive advantage and better protection from cyber attacks are just some of the benefits early adopters will gain."

Alan Calder also warns that the new scheme should not be an 'instead of', but 'in addition to' ISO27001, on which the five controls are based.

"The Cyber Essentials Scheme represents a basic set of controls. It will help companies (especially SMEs) implement minimum cyber security, but for a more significant level of assurance organisations need a more comprehensive approach, in the form of ISO27001. Therefore, my advice is that organisations implement ISO27001 plus the Cyber Essentials Scheme."

IT Governance's Cyber Essentials products and services are being designed to help organisations better understand their cyber security stance and fulfil the Cyber Essentials Scheme Requirements.

Organisations are invited to complete IT Governance's [quick online checklist](#). Upon completing the checklist, they will be provided with a complimentary copy of the Cyber Essentials self-

assessment tool.

Follow the link: [www.itgovernance.co.uk/cyber-essentials-checklist.aspx](http://www.itgovernance.co.uk/cyber-essentials-checklist.aspx)

IT Governance's Cyber Essentials offering is being launched at Infosecurity Europe 2014, Europe's largest information security event, on 29 April – 1 May at Earl's Court, London, where IT Governance is an exhibitor (stand # F103).

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