

IT Governance welcomes UK Government's renewed call to prioritise the Cyber Essentials scheme

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Cyber security consultancy firm and Cyber Essentials certification body [IT Governance](#) has welcomed the UK Government's announcement of a renewed emphasis on the Cyber Essentials scheme.



Alan Calder, founder and executive chairman of IT Governance, says, "As cyber threats continue to grow exponentially, it is time that businesses took a hard look at their cyber security defences. Adopting a 'wait and see' approach can be fatal for any organisation, no matter how small.

"Cyber Essentials is an affordable and effective scheme to protect against basic cyber attacks. With over 1,200 organisations certified to it so far, I am pleased to see that the scheme is gaining momentum, and that the government continues to support it by requiring suppliers of most contracts and services to hold a Cyber Essentials certificate."

On Tuesday, the government announced that it plans to commit £1.9 billion to cyber security over the next five years, which means that it will double its current investment.

On Wednesday, Digital Economy Minister Ed Vaizey issued a [statement](#) renewing a call for all businesses operating online to adopt Cyber Essentials. "Cyber Essentials isn't just for the large prime firms – it also helps them to manage their third party risks, which is why we have made the scheme suitable for smaller businesses, including those who are part of larger supply chains," he said.

As a CREST-accredited certification body, IT Governance provides cost-effective solutions for companies wishing to achieve certification to the scheme.

More information about the Cyber Essentials scheme can be found on the IT Governance [website](#).

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