

# Cyber Essentials scheme helped 95% of certified companies prevent data breaches

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM, August 10, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Cyber security consultancy firm and CREST-accredited certification body IT Governance Ltd announces that 95% of the companies it certified to the Cyber Essentials scheme have been protected from all data breaches since certification. The result demonstrates that improved cyber security can be achieved by implementing the Cyber Essentials scheme's five security controls.



IT Governance, the accredited Cyber Essentials certification body, has certified 244 organisations, ranging from SMEs to large international organisations, since the launch of the Cyber Essentials scheme in 2014.

Alan Calder, founder and chief executive officer of IT Governance, said: "We are delighted to see that 95% of companies IT Governance has certified haven't had a single data breach since they achieved certification. This information once again demonstrates that the scheme's five security controls can help organisations achieve improved cyber security protection."

The Cyber Essentials scheme is a UK Government-backed scheme that sets out a baseline for cyber security using five security controls: secure configuration, boundary firewalls and Internet gateways, access control and administrative privilege management, patch management, and malware protection.

Organisations of any size wishing to mitigate cyber risks and improve their cyber security posture can achieve CREST-accredited Cyber Essentials certification through IT Governance's flexible and cost-effective [Cyber Essentials packaged solutions](#).

The Cyber Essentials 'Do It Yourself', 'Get A Little Help' and 'Get A Lot Of Help' packages are designed to help organisations achieve certification to the scheme by providing different levels of support depending on the organisation's size, cyber security skills, resources and desired timeframe.

Additionally, organisations opting for certification with IT Governance can choose to conduct the entire application process online through the [CyberComply](#) portal. The portal is designed to enable organisations to define the scope, complete the self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ) and book the requisite vulnerability scans.

For more information about IT Governance's Cyber Essentials packaged solutions, please visit the [website](#), contact our consultancy team direct at [servicecentre@itgovernance.co.uk](mailto:servicecentre@itgovernance.co.uk) or call us on +44 (0)845 070 1750.

## NOTES TO EDITORS

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