

A-LIGN and RealCISO Partner to Connect Auditors Directly Into the Compliance Platform

Joint customers can run assessments, collect evidence, & work with their A-LIGN audit team in one place — no separate auditor portal, no evidence re-uploads



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RealCISO 2.0 A-LIGN and RealCISO Partner

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RealCISO, the compliance intelligence platform used by more than 3,000 organizations, and A-LIGN, the cybersecurity compliance firm behind more than 36,000 audits for 6,400+ clients worldwide, today announced a strategic partnership that removes the most expensive handoff in compliance: the jump from "audit ready" to audited.

Today, most organizations prepare for an audit in one platform, then export everything into the auditor's portal — re-uploading evidence, answering duplicate requests, and reconciling versions across two systems. That handoff adds weeks to every engagement and is the single biggest source of audit friction for security and compliance teams.

This partnership eliminates it. As part of the rollout, A-LIGN auditors will work directly inside RealCISO: reviewing and accepting evidence, issuing follow-up requests, and communicating with the customer's team in the same platform where the compliance program already lives.

The partnership delivers:

- In-platform auditor connection. A-LIGN audit teams get scoped access inside RealCISO to review evidence, post requests, and resolve questions in-app — customers never leave the platform they work in every day.
- Audit-grade functionality. Point-in-time revision snapshots seal assessment answers for defensible audit trails, evidence management tracks expiration and quality, and reports carry immutable version history. One evidence set maps across SOC 2, ISO 27001, HIPAA, NIST CSF 2.0, and other frameworks — no duplicate work per audit.
- Evidence from live systems. RealCISO's newest release includes 15 integrations running 155

automated evidence collectors and 386 control tests on a 12-hour cadence — spanning AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, Okta, Microsoft Intune, Jamf, Kandji, CrowdStrike, Qualys, Tenable, and ConnectWise. Auditors see evidence pulled from production systems, not screenshots collected months earlier.

□ One system, start to finish. From first assessment to final report, the entire engagement runs in a single platform — with AI-assisted evidence mapping doing the tedious work of linking uploads to controls.

"Every compliance platform says 'audit ready.' Then the audit starts and your team spends six weeks re-uploading evidence into someone else's portal," said Brian Haugli, Co-Founder of RealCISO. "That's the part we're killing. With A-LIGN working inside RealCISO, the assessment, the evidence, and the auditor are finally in one system. Our customers keep working. A-LIGN gets evidence pulled straight from live systems — not a screenshot from three quarters ago."

The in-platform auditor connection begins rolling out to joint RealCISO and A-LIGN customers as part of the partnership.

About RealCISO

RealCISO is a cloud-based compliance intelligence platform used by more than 3,000 organizations, including MSPs, MSSPs, vCISO consultants, and enterprise GRC teams. Built on a connected compliance data graph linking controls, risks, evidence, vendors, policies, and people, RealCISO tracks security maturity over time — not just point-in-time compliance status. RealCISO was named a G2 Summer 2026 High Performer and the #1-ranked vCISO platform. Learn more at realciso.io.

About A-LIGN

A-LIGN is a cybersecurity compliance partner trusted by more than 6,400 organizations worldwide, with over 36,000 audits completed. A-LIGN is the #1 issuer of SOC 2 reports globally, a top-3 FedRAMP assessor, an authorized CMMC C3PAO, and a leading HITRUST assessor, delivering audits and assessments across SOC 1 and SOC 2, ISO 27001 and ISO 42001, HITRUST, HIPAA, PCI DSS, and federal frameworks through experienced auditors and its A-SCEND platform. Learn more at a-lign.com.

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