



National Cyber  
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The Readiness Tool is a free interactive website that helps to gauge your current level of cyber security. The tool asks questions related to the main Cyber Essentials controls to help prepare your organisation for certification. Upon completion, organisations are presented with a bespoke action plan that outlines the steps needed to prepare for the certification process.

## ► What are we getting ready for?

Cyber Essentials is a simple but effective government backed certification that helps protect UK organisations of all sizes against a range of common cyber threats. The scheme focuses on five core controls to address the essentials of cyber security and every year helps thousands of businesses to demonstrate their commitment to cyber security.

## ► Why do we need a tool?

Many businesses know they need to take control of their cyber security, but don't know where to start. The Readiness Tool is the first step in the journey towards becoming Cyber Essentials certified. It is designed to support and educate, shedding light on some of the technical terms and creating a tailored pathway to follow.

## ► How does the Cyber Essentials Readiness Tool work?

You will start by answering some simple questions that address different parts of your organisation's security.

Based on your answers, you will be directed towards the appropriate guidance to the five core controls and related topics written in non-technical language. Upon completion, you will be able to download a tailored action list and a description of what additional requirements or steps there are still to achieve.

## ► How do I access it?

Go online to the Cyber Essential Readiness tool or via the IASME website: <https://getreadyforcyberessentials.iasme.co.uk>

## ► Further information

You can find further information online that will help you secure your IT against cyber attack.

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