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## Assessment Brief

Student Name/ID Number	
Unit Number and Title	5: Security
Academic Year	
Unit Tutor	
Assignment Title	
Issue Date	
Submission Date	
IV Name & Date	

### Submission Format

The submission is in the form of a ten-minute Microsoft® PowerPoint® style presentation to be presented to your colleagues. The presentation can include links to performance data with additional speaker notes and a bibliography using the Harvard referencing system. The presentation slides for the findings should be submitted with speaker notes. You are required to make effective use of headings, bullet points and subsections as appropriate. Your research should be referenced using the Harvard referencing system. The recommended word limit is 500 words, including speaker notes, although you will not be penalised for exceeding the total word limit.

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### Learning Outcomes

**LO3.** Review mechanisms to control organisational IT security.

**LO4.** Manage organisational security.

### Assignment Brief and Guidance

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You have been assigned as a Security consultancy, in your capacity as an IT Security Specialist, to propose a Security Policy for the organisation.

1. You have to perform the following tasks as part of this Assignment:
  - a. The security risks faced by the company.
  - b. How data protection regulations and ISO risk management standards apply to IT security.
  - c. The potential impact that an IT security audit might have on the security of the organisation.
  - d. The responsibilities of employees and stakeholders in relation to security.
2. You will be required to design and implement a security policy, while considering the components to be included and a justification for their inclusion.
3. Final part to proposed tools used within the policy and how they align with IT security.

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Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria			
<b>LO3</b> Review mechanisms to control organisational IT security	<p><b>P5</b> Discuss risk assessment procedures.</p> <p><b>P6</b> Explain data protection processes and regulations as applicable to an organisation.</p>	<p><b>M3</b> Summarise the ISO 31000 risk management methodology and its application in IT security.</p> <p><b>M4</b> Discuss possible impacts to organisational security resulting from an IT security audit.</p>	<b>D2</b> Consider how IT security can be aligned with organisational policy, detailing the security impact of any misalignment.
<b>LO4</b> Manage organisational security	<p><b>P7</b> Design and implement a security policy for an organisation.</p> <p><b>P8</b> List the main components of an organisational disaster recovery plan, justifying the reasons for inclusion.</p>	<b>M5</b> Discuss the roles of stakeholders in the organisation to implement security audit recommendations.	<b>D3</b> Evaluate the suitability of the tools used in an organisational policy.