

ISO/IEC 27001:2013 Information security management systems

-Business requirements for access control-



Security category – 9.1. Business requirements for access control

Control – 9.1.1. Access control policy

The organization should document an access control policy.

Access control refers to both logical and physical access.

Access control rules, access rights and restrictions for specific user roles should be established.

Asset owners decide access rights to assets based on business needs



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An access control policy should exist and should address some elements:

- security requirements for different business applications;
- consistency between access rights and information classification;
- legislation and contractual obligations regarding limitation of access to data or services;
- segregation of roles that refer to access control;
- periodic review of access rights;
- removal of access rights;
- roles that have privileged access.



Principles: Need-to-Know and Need-to-Use

Use: "Everything is generally forbidden unless expressly permitted"
instead of

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Control – 9.1.2. Access to networks and network services

Users should only have access to the network and network services that they have been specifically authorized to use.

ISO/IEC 27002 recommends a policy on the access to networks that should cover:

- the networks and networks services which are allowed to be accessed;
- authorization procedures for determining who is allowed to access which networks and services;
- what controls are in place to protect access to networks and services;
- how are the networks and network services accessed (ex. use of VPN or wireless)
- what are the requirements for user authentication to allow access to networks and services;
- how the use of network services is monitored.

Users logging to a network, computer or application should have access only to the information and services required for their business function that they have been authorized to use.

