

Cyber Essentials and ramsac's Cyber Resilience Certification



What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials is a UK Government-backed scheme designed to help organisations of all sizes protect themselves from cyber threats. It defines a set of basic technical controls that all organisations should put in place to reduce their cyber risk and minimise the impact of a cyber-attack.

What is ramsac's Cyber Resilience Certification?

ramsac's Cyber Resilience Certification (CRC) is a set of cybersecurity measures that we recommend organisations put in place to protect against cyber threats and improve their resilience during a cyber-attack. CRC is broken into three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. We recommend that all organisations strive to achieve at least the Bronze standard, which lays a solid foundation of security and significantly reduces the risk from common cyber-attacks.

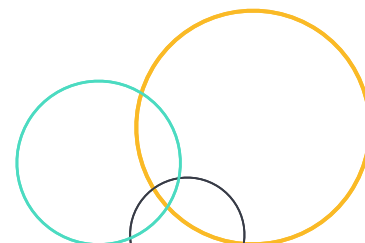
Which should your organisation aim to achieve?

Cyber Essentials is highly sought after. However, ramsac's CRC builds on this foundation, offering a more comprehensive approach to security, we recommend that organisations consider achieving both certifications. Each serves a distinct purpose and, when combined, ensures robust cybersecurity protection.

Is Cyber Essentials the right fit for every organisation?

ramsac recommends that you perform a regular review (at least annually) of your cybersecurity measures to safeguard against cyber threats. Cyber Essentials is a great first step but should ideally be part of a broader cybersecurity strategy:

- ✓ **Cyber Essentials** provides a strong technical foundation but doesn't account for organisational nuances or advanced threats.
- ✓ **Cyber Essentials Plus** enhances this by offering independent verification, increasing client confidence.
- ✗ Both Cyber Essentials certifications focus on technical controls but don't address the "Human Firewall"—training and supporting your people.



Why would my organisation need Cyber Essentials?

As cyber threats continue to increase in frequency and sophistication, organisations expect their partners and suppliers to ensure that their data is protected. Achieving the Government-backed Cyber Essentials certification demonstrates to your customers that you are striving to safeguard their data. Some organisations may also stipulate that a partner or supplier has Cyber Essentials before they will do business with them.

How does CRC build on Cyber Essentials?

While Cyber Essentials provides the basics, CRC goes further by:

- Assessing not only technical controls but also the quality of IT and information security policies.
- Addressing the human element of cybersecurity by focusing on training and creating a strong “Human Firewall.”
- Offering practical recommendations tailored to your organisation’s needs.
- Splitting certification into three maturity levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold), making it adaptable and achievable for organisations of all sizes.

By achieving both Cyber Essentials and CRC, your organisation can confidently demonstrate its cybersecurity strength to clients and stakeholders.

So what should I choose for my organisation?

Achieve Cyber Essentials certification if...	Achieve Cyber Resilience certification if...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organisation requires a solid technical baseline for cybersecurity. • Your customers demand it as a prerequisite for doing business with them. • You need to meet government contract requirements. • You are looking for fast, foundational certification with external credibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You want a tailored, comprehensive strategy that addresses all risk areas. • You aim to strengthen the human element and internal processes. • You want to align with advanced security maturity levels (Bronze, Silver, or Gold). • You seek practical, actionable advice to address cybersecurity gaps.

To achieve the strongest cybersecurity protection, we recommend pursuing both Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus and ramzac’s Cyber Resilience Certification. Together, they offer unparalleled assurance and a comprehensive approach to mitigating cyber risks.

Find out more

For more information on Cyber Essentials or CRC and how you can get your organisation certified please contact ramzac on

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