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# What is Cyber Essentials?

Cyber Essentials scheme is a UK government-backed initiative that helps organisations to protect themselves against common cyber threats.



## 5 key technical controls

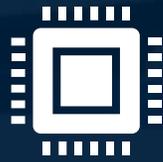
1. Boundary firewalls and internet gateways
2. Secure configuration
3. Access control
4. Malware protection
5. Patch management



# Cyber Essentials – the key changes



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Firmware  
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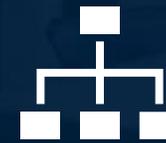
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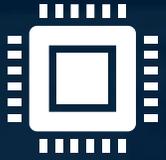


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- Cloud Services and MFA
- Thin clients will need to be listed
- Unsupported software needs to be removed



# Firmware clarification

- Only Firewall and Router Firmware
- If a device can run a supported Operating System, this is sufficient. The Firmware is no longer required to be in support, apart from a Firewall or Router which must remain in support and declared within the scope
- User Devices will be reworded to: -
  - *"Cyber Essentials will require that all applicants list their laptops, desktops, servers, computers, tablets and mobile phones, with details of the make and operating system. However, when it comes to firewalls and routers, the applicant will only be asked to list make and model, but not the specific version of the firmware"* - which no longer requires checking by the assessor



# Third party devices clarification

	Owned by your organisation	Owned by a third party	BYOD
Employee	✓	N/A	✓
Volunteer	✓	N/A	✓
Trustee	✓	N/A	✓
University research assistant	✓	N/A	✓
Student	✓	N/A	✗
MSP administrator	✓	✗	✗
Third party contractor	✓	✗	✗
Customer	✓	✗	✗



## Third party devices clarification

"Where devices are not in scope of the assessment, the school or organisation is still responsible for confirming that the devices accessing organisational services and data are configured correctly, but how this is achieved is up to them as it falls outside of the scope of the assessment."



## Device unlocking update

- Brute force requirements for device unlocking
- Vendors defaults.



## Malware protection update

- Anti-Malware software no longer needs to be signature-based
- Sandboxing has been removed from the anti-malware section



## Zero Trust guidance

- Implementing the Cyber Essentials controls, will not prevent them from adopting the Zero Trust model.
- There is a direct correlation between Cyber Essentials and the NCSC Zero Trust model



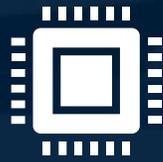
## Asset Management guidance

- Complements all five technical controls of Cyber Essentials
- Understand which devices are owned by an organisation

# Cyber Essentials – Summary



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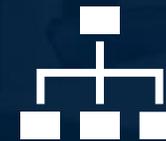
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