



Microsoft Azure has attained the Cyber Essentials PLUS badge.

### Microsoft and UK Cyber Essentials PLUS

Microsoft Azure meets the requirements outlined in the [Cyber Essentials Scheme Assurance Framework](#) and has attained the Cyber Essentials PLUS badge.

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### Audits, reports, and certificates

- [Azure Cyber Essentials PLUS compliance report](#)
- [Azure Cyber Essentials PLUS certification](#)

### About UK Cyber Essentials PLUS

[Cyber Essentials](#) is a UK government-backed scheme designed to help organizations assess and mitigate risks from common cybersecurity threats to their IT systems. The Cyber Essentials scheme is a cybersecurity standard that identifies security controls for an organization to have in place within their IT systems. Cyber Essentials scheme is a requirement for all UK government suppliers handling any personal data. The Cyber Essentials badge helps an organization demonstrate the ability to:

- Identify potential risks to help organizations better protect against common cyberthreats.
- Show that it has adopted the proper security controls to protect customer data.
- Comply with UK government expectations for Cyber Security Essential requirements and be eligible to bid for UK government contracts.

The Cyber Essentials scheme is designed for UK government suppliers to identify potential weaknesses in their IT systems and software that could exploit customer data. The methodology has defined two different levels of certification:

- Cyber Essentials is the first level and includes a self-assessment for organizations to check the most important IT security controls of their IT infrastructure. The responses are independently reviewed by an external certifying body.
- Cyber Essentials PLUS offers the same controls coverage as Cyber Essentials and also includes additional assurance by carrying out systems tests of implemented controls through an authorized third-party certifying body.

### Additional resources

- [National Cyber Security Centre Cyber Essentials](#)