Cyber Essentials

At Sharp we ensure our clients systems are as secure as possible in order to protect you from the ever growing threat of cyber crime. We ourselves have invested time and money into ensuring all of our own systems are as secureas possible.

As your IT partner, you put your trust in us and we are here to ensure your systems are secure and you are aware of any additional security measures you can put in place.

There are many security measures that can be implemented to ensure your data is protected against the many threats that exist both internally and externally to your network.

A multilayered approach is always best and as a part of that, we recommend all of our clients undertake the Cyber Essentials accreditation.

The Cyber Essentials scheme is a framework devised by the government to adopt good practice in information security and contains a set of security standards which organisations can be assessed and certified against.

Sharp can help you through the journey to achieve your Cyber Essential and Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation.

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Benefits of the certificiation include:

- Aligns your organisation to a security framework standard.
- Reassure clients and partners that you take cyber security seriously.
- Be listed on the Cyber Essentials Directory of organisations awarded Cyber Essentials.
- Attract new business with the promise you have cyber security measures in place.
- Helps with insurance premiums.

How do you achieve a Cyber Essentials Certification?

Our team at Sharp will guide you through the journey to achieve your Cyber Essentials certification. Prior to completing the Cyber Essentials in depth questionnaire, we can offer an initial review of your current environment and produce a report which will detail any areas of improvement to ensure that you will pass the certification.

Cyber Essentials Plus

This extends upon Cyber Essentials with a representative from the accredited body attending your business premises and undertaking a more thorough review of your IT systems.

This will include gathering evidence for the following:

- Can malicious files enter the organisation from the internet through either web traffic or email messages.
- Should malicious content enter the organisation, how effective are the anti-virus and malware protection mechanisms.
- Should the organisation's protection mechanisms fail, how likely is it that the organisation will be compromised due to failings in the patching of the organisation's workstations.

As the Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation is more thorough, it will provide more assurance that appropriate security measures are in place to help keep your organisation secure.