

Helping to keep your company safe!

As we've all come to realise, a new virus within the human population can have devastating consequences. Unfortunately, there are some individuals and illegitimate organisations that wish to cause similar mayhem within computer systems for their own gain.

Governments, computer manufacturers, and IT specialists, such as greenwood-IT, are continually looking at ways to keep computer systems safe from harm. The British Government launched [Cyber Essentials](#) certification in order to help keep businesses and individuals protected against cybercrime, and we're proud to announce that greenwood-IT recently received Cyber Essentials accreditation.

Greenwood-IT have always held IT security as an essential element of IT provision, following not just Government guidelines but also the 10 Steps to Cyber Security and Cloud Security Principles, as laid out by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

“Cybercrime is prolific in today's society. No individual or business is safe. At greenwood-IT we're committed to maintaining high levels of security within our systems and that of our customers. We're immensely proud to have achieved Cyber Essentials accreditation and will continue to keep our customers and the wider public as informed as possible about potential cyber threats and how to avoid them”, says proprietor, John Greenwood.



What is Cyber Essentials and how does it help you?

Cyber Essentials, devised by the UK Government in collaboration with the IT industry, promotes standards in cyber security practices across all industries and sectors. Based on [five key controls](#), the scheme is designed to encourage organisations to adopt good security practices that address common threats and minimise risk to themselves and those that they deal with. Cyber Essentials is also a requirement for most businesses that work with the Government or Military services.

The Five Key Controls stipulate that an accredited business must:

- Secure its Internet connection
- Secure its devices and software
- Control access to its data and services
- Protect from viruses and other malware

- Keep its devices and software up to date

In order to achieve Cyber Essentials, greenwood-IT has proved to a Government-approved accreditation body that we understand and uphold the five key controls. Not only does this indicate that we understand and maintain vital cyber security measures, keeping our business safe, but also ensures that we help keep your business and your data secure; if we're protected from cyber-attacks then your business will benefit from added protection. That said, we definitely recommend that you undertake Cyber Essentials for your business.

Can your business become Cyber Essentials accredited?

The Government has made information as accessible as possible, recognising that most businesses do not specialise in IT. We'd therefore recommend that you consider taking steps to become compliant with the five key controls. You'll be helping to keep your business secure, providing increased levels of protection for your customers, and benefit from reputational integrity.

If you'd like to find out more about Cyber Essentials then we'd recommend that you take a look at the [Governments informative website](#).

Need further assistance from greenwood-IT?

We can help you become compliant, and secure. Working with you through the five key controls, we'll offer you guidance on exactly what hardware, software or configuration changes you may need to make in order to receive accreditation and the benefits that you'll receive by doing so.

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