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Cyber Essentials and ISO 27001 readiness

A one-page self-check before you start: where you stand, and what evidence to gather.

CYBER ESSENTIALS: SCOPE AND THE FIVE TECHNICAL CONTROLS

- [ ] 01 **Scope and inventory**
  List the devices, users, cloud services and network boundary in scope, and keep it current.
- [ ] 02 **Firewalls**
  Firewall or equivalent in place; default passwords changed; unneeded inbound access blocked.
- [ ] 03 **Secure configuration**
  Remove unused software and accounts, change default credentials, lock idle screens.
- [ ] 04 **Security updates**
  Supported software only; critical and high-risk updates applied within 14 days (Cyber Essentials).
- [ ] 05 **User access control**
  Individual accounts, least privilege, separate admin accounts, and MFA where it is available.
- [ ] 06 **Malware protection**
  Anti-malware on in-scope devices (or application allow-listing), kept up to date and switched on.

ISO 27001: THE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- [ ] 07 **Scope, context and requirements**
  Define what the system covers, who is affected, and the legal and customer requirements.
- [ ] 08 **Risk assessment and treatment**
  A documented method, a risk register with owners, and a treatment plan that is followed.
- [ ] 09 **Statement of Applicability**
  Which Annex A controls apply and why, with their implementation status.
- [ ] 10 **Policies, roles and evidence**
  Approved policy, named roles, and records: access reviews, training, suppliers, incidents.
- [ ] 11 **Internal audit and management review**
  Scheduled and recorded, with corrective actions tracked to completion.

Which first?

Cyber Essentials is a practical baseline for devices, networks and accounts. ISO 27001 is a management system for managing information risk across the organisation. Many start with the first and build towards the second. Certification is assessed by an accredited body; this list is preparation, not an assessment.

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