



Apply for funded cyber security consultancy support and/or a *Cyber Essentials/plus* assessment and certification

The threat to space is real and coming increasingly closer to the UK space industry as attempted breaches have demonstrated.

Demonstrating a commitment to security is critical to the ongoing success of any business.

Ensuring secure, robust and recoverable services and services can provide a competitive advantage in the marketplace and avoids unnecessary costly retrofitting.

Successful applicants can receive up to 3 days from a cyber security professional funded by the UK Space Agency. This can be virtual or at a place of business (UK) depending on requirements.

Applicants can also receive a Cyber Essentials and/or Cyber Essentials audit, assessment and certification. Achieving any recognised standard of cyber security will reassure customers that you are working to secure your IT against cyber attack and make your company more attractive to new business in a growing competitive international marketplace.

Additionally, UK-domiciled organisations with a turnover under £20m achieving Cyber Essentials covering their whole organisation are entitled to free Cyber Liability Insurance (subject to terms).

For more information see <https://iasme.co.uk/cyber-essentials/cyber-liability-insurance/>.

For more information about the Cyber essentials scheme or to test your readiness see <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberessentials/overview>

Additionally, there will be virtual 'Cyber Essentials: Are you ready?' sessions where an assessor will discuss the process and answer questions.

The dates and times for these sessions will be advertised on <https://www.resilience.gov.uk/> Please register for a free account if you don't already have one.

What you will receive from a cyber security consultant

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Work undertaken can include:

- Interpretation of designs to understand how IT infrastructure is currently architected in order to identify any security flaws.
- Advice regarding security assessments & testing, asset security and software development security (does not include hands on security testing such as penetration tests).
- Company or System Security Governance reviews
- Review and recommendations on Company or System Security Policies and Processes
- System security requirements and development support



- High level risk assessments and risk assessment review, including recommendations for mitigating actions
- A written report detailing findings, vulnerabilities and recommendations.
- In person or virtual meetings as required, to present findings, assist with remediation and risk management planning.

What you will receive through the *Cyber Essentials* programme

- You can receive up to 3 days of time from an experienced cyber security consultant as above.
- A report of recommendations stating how to upgrade any areas of your systems that doesn't meet the necessary Cyber Essentials accreditation standards.
- Once a suitable and reasonable agreed period to remedy the improvements has passed, the final assessment against the relevant Cyber Essentials framework will then be undertaken.

The above consultancy, audits and assessments are fully funded by the UK Space Agency.

(Corrective actions/recommendations are at own cost and not covered by the funding in this programme)

Application criteria

Applying organisations must meet the following criteria:

- Be an SME involved in space sector activity (less than 250 employee headcount)
 - Have a manufacturing or operational presence in the UK (includes NI)
- Applications from micro/start-up businesses are particularly welcomed.

The Application form is at <https://collaborate.resilience.gov.uk/home/329682/NEWS>

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Applications for this first round of the programme should be submitted by 10th October 2025 to resilience@ukspaceagency.gov.uk

Please note; there will be further opportunities to apply for this programme during 25/26.

All applicants will be notified whether they are successful as soon as possible after the closing date.

A waiting list may be required if the number of suitable applicants exceed the funding allocated to this programme in this year.

If you have any questions please contact resilience@ukspaceagency.gov.uk