



SAPPHIRE™

Empowering Government Cyber Security

Your Path To Resilience With GovAssure

GovAssure represents a pioneering approach to cybersecurity assurance for the government, replacing the cybersecurity component of the Departmental Security Health Check (DSHC) from April 2023.

The GovAssure scheme provides public sector organisations with a better understanding of their security and resilience capabilities in the face of hostile threats. It also relays this information to the central government for transparency and alignment with the Government Cyber Security Strategy to strengthen the UK's resilience against cyber-attacks across essential services.

GovAssure is only designed for official systems and does not apply to secret or higher systems, to help improve cyber security posture and the capabilities of governmental departments and closely linked organisations.

The scheme is a five-stage process:

Organisational Contact and Services

The first stage is a scoping exercise, where you must have and develop a complete understanding of your strategic context, aligning with current and evolving cyber security threat landscapes. This scope is defined by the essential and critical services you provide.



In-Scope Systems and Services

After this, your assets should be reviewed, and critical systems identified – operational and support systems – related to the essential and critical services you provide. These will be assigned to either a Baseline or Enhanced profile from the Government's Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF).

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Security Self-Assessment

Next, you will undertake a self-assessment from the CAF, which measures your organisation against four objectives that also closely align with several industry-standard frameworks such as ISO27001.

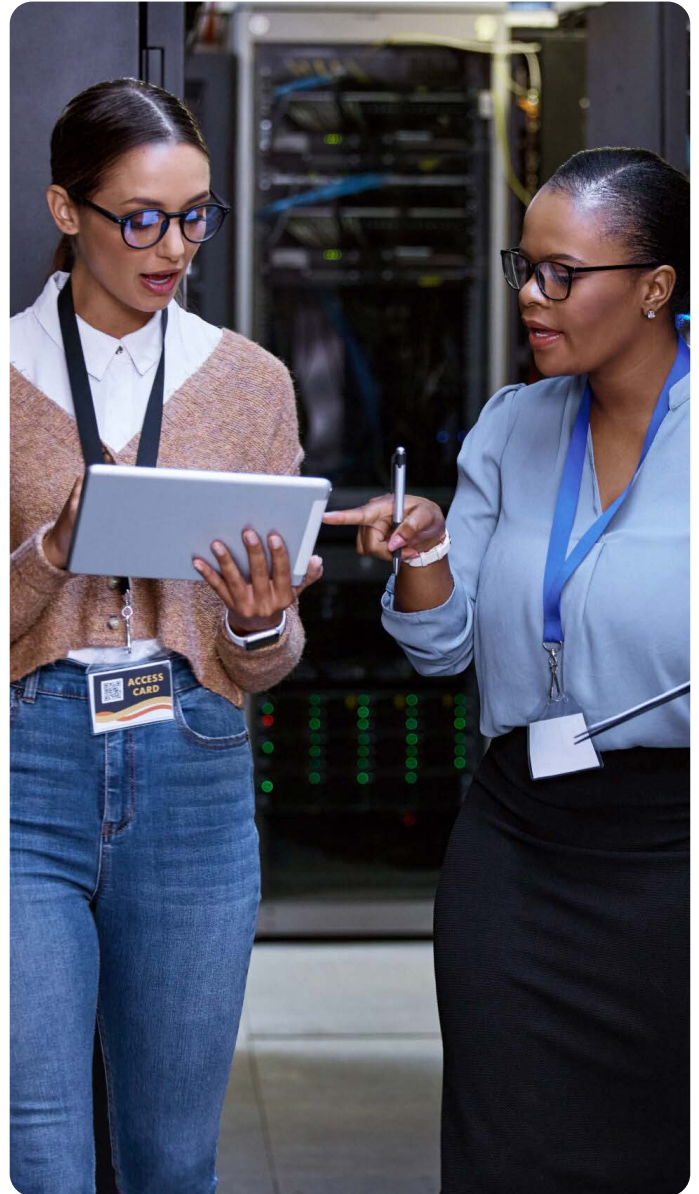
1. Managing Security Risk
2. Protecting Against Cyber Attacks
3. Detecting Cyber Security Events
4. Minimising the Impact of Cyber Security Incidents

Independent Assurance Review

Accredited third-parties are then required to independently review your self-assessment, assessing the level of attainment, and validating the results of the CAF assessment findings to determine how effective your current security controls are.

Final Assessment and Improvement Plan

The last step involves a final assessment report generated and provided to you after the independent review is completed, with the Cabinet Office's Government Security Group (GSG) working with you to develop a targeted improvement plan.



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How can Sapphire help you achieve GovAssure Compliance

Managing security risk

Governance

- CISO as a Service
- ISM as a Service
- Compliance to Legislation and Regulation

Risk Management

- CAF Gap Analysis
- Threat Assessments
- Open-Source Threat Intelligence
- Risk Management of IT/OT
- Penetration Testing
- Vulnerability Management
- Breach Attack Simulations

Asset Management

- IT/OT Asset Discovery
- IT/OT Asset Management
- Endpoint Management

Supply Chain

- Business Impact Assessments
- Third-Party Risk Management

Protecting against cyber attacks

Policies & Procedures

- Policy Development
- ISMS Development
- Compliance Audits

Identity & Access Control

- IT/OT Consultancy
- Identity & Access Management
- SOC Services

Data & System Security

- Threat Intelligence & Assessments
- Open-Source Intelligence
- Penetration Testing
- Breach Attack Simulations
- Endpoint Management (EDR/XDR)

Resilience Network & Systems

- Business Continuity
- Incident Response

Training & Awareness

- Security Awareness Training

Detecting cyber security events

Security Monitoring

- SOC Services
- Threat Intelligence
- SIEM
- EDR/XDR
- IT/OT Discovery

Proactive Security Event Discovery

- Incident Response
- SOC Services

Minimising impact of cyber security incidents

Response & Recovery Planning

- Incident Response Readiness
- Incident Response Management
- Business Continuity Planning
- Disaster Recovery Planning

Response & Recovery Planning

- Debrief Sessions
- Improvement and Remediation Planning
- Security Improvement Plannin

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Objective A				
Service /Offering	Introductory	Foundations	Intermediate	Advanced
NCSC Guidelines	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gap Analysis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standards Compliance Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Security Improvement Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓
Security Awareness & Training	✓	✓	✓	✓
Framework Review (Cyber Essentials, GovAssure)		✓	✓	✓
DSPT Review & Testing		✓	✓	✓
Government Security Classification		✓	✓	✓
Authentication Review		✓	✓	✓
Business Continuity Planning		✓	✓	✓
Incident Response Planning		✓	✓	✓
Disaster Recovery Planning		✓	✓	✓
IT Health Check		✓	✓	✓
IT/OT Asset Discovery		✓	✓	✓
Identity & Access Management Review		✓	✓	✓
Penetration Testing		✓	✓	✓
Threat Assessment		✓	✓	✓
CISO as a Service			✓	✓
Vulnerability Management			✓	✓
Threat Intelligence			✓	✓
Third-Party Risk Management			✓	✓
IT/OT Consultancy			✓	✓
MXDR & Endpoint Management				✓
Red Teaming				✓
Breach Attack Simulation				✓

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Objective B				
Service /Offering	Introductory	Foundations	Intermediate	Advanced
NCSC Guidelines	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standards Compliance Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Procedure & Policy Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Security Improvement Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓
Security Awareness & Training	✓	✓	✓	✓
Network Configuration Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Firewall Security Checkup	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technical Compliance Check	✓	✓	✓	✓
Web & Mail Content Filtering	✓	✓	✓	✓
Framework Review (CyberEssentials, GovAssure)		✓	✓	✓
Business Continuity Planning		✓	✓	✓
Incident Response Planning		✓	✓	✓
Authentication Review		✓	✓	✓
Risk Treatment Management		✓	✓	✓
Forensic Analysis		✓	✓	✓
Threat Assessment		✓	✓	✓
Data Loss Prevention Review			✓	✓
Identity & Access Management Review			✓	✓
IT/OT Asset Discovery			✓	✓
Penetration Testing			✓	✓
Threat Assessment			✓	✓
ISO27001 Management Review			✓	✓
IT/OT Consultancy				✓
VPN & Connectivity				✓
Firewalls				✓
Third-Party Risk Management				
Threat Intelligence				
Vulnerability Management				

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Objective B				
Service /Offering	Introductory	Foundations	Intermediate	Advanced
Internal/External Audit	✓	✓	✓	✓
OT Microsegmentation Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Breach Attack Simulation (BAS)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Teaming	✓	✓	✓	✓
MXDR & Endpoint Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
SOC Advisory Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
SIEM Advisory Services	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Objective C				
Service /Offering	Introductory	Foundations	Intermediate	Advanced
Procedures & Policy Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
Risk Treatment Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
Security Awareness & Training	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standards Compliance Review	✓	✓	✓	✓
IT/OT Asset Discovery		✓	✓	✓
Penetration Testing		✓	✓	✓
Threat Assessments		✓	✓	✓
Firewall Security Checkup			✓	✓
Network/Asset Monitoring			✓	✓
Threat Intelligence			✓	✓
Vulnerability Management			✓	✓
Third-Party Risk Management			✓	✓
IT/OT Consultancy				✓
Internal/External Audit				✓
ISO27001				✓
Breach Attack Simulation (BAS)				✓
SIEM Advisory Services				✓
SOC Advisory Services				✓

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Objective D			
Service /Offering	Foundations	Intermediate	Advanced
Policy & Procedure Review	✓	✓	✓
Risk Treatment Management	✓	✓	✓
Security Awareness & Training	✓	✓	✓
Security Improvement Planning	✓	✓	✓
Incident Response Planning		✓	✓
Business Continuity Planning		✓	✓
Disaster Recovery Planning		✓	✓
Penetration Testing		✓	✓
Threat Intelligence		✓	✓
IT/OT Consultancy		✓	✓
Network Monitoring		✓	✓
Firewalls		✓	✓
Internal/External Audit			✓
CISO as a Service			✓
Breach Attack Simulation (BAS)			✓
SIEM Advisory Services			✓
SOC Advisory Services			✓

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