

## CHAMBER CYBER ESSENTIALS



The British Chambers of Commerce and IASME are delighted to announce that they will be working together to help Chamber members achieve the Cyber Essentials certification by delivering a new Chamber Cyber Essentials partnership.

From 26 September, members of participating Accredited Chambers of Commerce will be eligible for a discount on a Cyber Essentials assessment alongside a package of training, free cyber security guidance and the Cyber Essentials Readiness Tool.

Cyber Essentials is the minimum baseline cyber security standard for organisations in the UK. Government backed, the structured process of preparing for the assessment is an affordable and accessible way for organisations of all sizes to put in place the technical controls needed to protect themselves against the most common cyber threats.

A Cyber Essentials certificate will:

- Attract new business with the assurance that you have cyber security measures in place.
- Reassure your customers that cyber security and data protection is an important priority for your organisation.
- Demonstrate to the ICO that you have taken steps to safeguard sensitive data which is important for GDPR compliance
- Allow you to bid for the increasing number of tenders and contracts that require Cyber Essentials certification.

Shevaun Haviland, Director General of the BCC, said: "The BCC is delighted to be launching a new partnership with IASME in Chamber Cyber Essentials."

"The pandemic has led to a huge shift in working practices over the past two years, which has had inevitable consequences for our use of IT and its cyber-security.

"Our research indicates these changes are here to stay, and with increasing concern over both organised crime and state-sponsored cyber-attacks it is more vital than ever that firms have the right protection in place."

Dr. Emma Philpott MBE, CEO of IASME said. "IASME are excited to be working with the British Chambers of Commerce to help Chamber members achieve Cyber Essentials. We know that four in ten businesses in the UK report having a cyber breach or attack in the last 12 months and the recent move to home and hybrid

working means the risk level is higher than ever. Helping Chamber members access and understand the Cyber Essentials scheme will significantly increase their business resilience.”

To find out more about Chamber Cyber Essentials partnership, contact [Luke Flinders](#), Head of Affinity Partnerships at the BCC.