

Essential Eight Self-Assessment Checklist

ACSC-aligned security audit worksheet

Use this worksheet to assess your organisation against the Australian Cyber Security Centre Essential Eight. Tick each question you can confidently answer 'yes' to, then send the completed checklist to Unicorn IT Group for a no-obligation review and remediation quote.

Application Control

- ☐ Do you block unapproved executables from running on workstations and servers?
- ☐ Is there a trusted application list that is reviewed and maintained?
- ☐ Are users prevented from installing unapproved software?

Patch Applications

- ☐ Are web browsers, email clients, Office suites and PDF readers patched within a defined timeframe?
- ☐ Is there a process to remove or patch unsupported applications?
- ☐ Are vulnerability scans run regularly?

Configure Microsoft Office Macro Settings

- ☐ Are macros blocked by default in Microsoft Office?
- ☐ Are macros only allowed from trusted, digitally signed sources?
- ☐ Do users understand why macros from unknown senders should not be enabled?

User Application Hardening

- ☐ Are web browsers configured to block Flash, Java and unnecessary plugins?
- ☐ Are ads and untrusted websites blocked or filtered?
- ☐ Is email configured to block untrusted attachments and links?

Multi-Factor Authentication

- ☐ Is MFA enforced for all remote access, VPN and cloud services?
- ☐ Is MFA required for privileged accounts and administrator consoles?
- ☐ Are SMS-based MFA methods being phased out for stronger options?

Patch Operating Systems

- ☐ Are operating systems patched within a defined timeframe?
- ☐ Are unsupported operating systems removed from the network?
- ☐ Is there an emergency patching process for critical vulnerabilities?

Regular Backups

- ☐ Are critical systems and data backed up on a defined schedule?
- ☐ Are backups stored offline, immutable or air-gapped from production?
- ☐ Are restoration procedures tested and documented?

Maturity & Governance

- ☐ Has your organisation been assessed against ACSC Essential Eight maturity levels?
- ☐ Is there a documented plan to reach your target maturity level?
- ☐ Are security controls reviewed and reported on regularly?

Notes & next steps

Send your completed checklist to Unicorn IT Group

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