



**BECOMING AN ACCREDITED COMPANY**  
BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CYBER SECURITY TOGETHER

## Cyber resilience isn't just about technology. It's about companies demonstrating leadership, accountability, and trust.



**This accreditation programme recognises cyber companies that meet verified, industry-defined standards of quality, professionalism, and competency.**

Our mission is to work with the existing community in innovative ways, shaping our industry so it can adapt quickly to deal with today's threats and market requirements. We will promote quality, professionalism and the registration of a verified workforce connected to the companies employing that workforce.

By professionalising our industry, we improve accountability, increase standards, foster transparency, enhance trust, and increase resilience across the UK and internationally with our coalition partners.

Core to accreditation is the promoting of companies that are committed to continually developing quality, trust, talents pathways, new markets, new frameworks and innovative techniques.

**Be recognised as an company invested in the professionalisation agenda.**

**Our programme will link proven individual competence to organisational credibility.**

It is now becoming clear that the responsibility for resilience lies with companies that employ skilled, verified professionals who understand accountability, risk, and the evolving threat landscape and are able to demonstrate and evidence their own competency on behalf of the companies they work for.

Skills and competency must be embedded through education, improved standards and continuous professional development.

**Accreditation is your company's opportunity to lead.**

Accredited Companies will be at the forefront of ensuring we can meet this responsibility, showing clients, regulators, and partners that they meet the highest standards of quality and professionalism. This isn't just a badge; it's a strategic advantage that positions your company at the forefront of industry transformation.

## Why become accredited with The Cyber Scheme?

**The Cyber Scheme is leading the professionalisation of the UK cyber workforce, and we are now expanding our work to encompass the companies our professionals work for.**

We have proven success in connecting industry, government, and academia to build a resilient, verified workforce and an engaged community of experts.

### **Our achievements**

- Significant contributions to the UK Cyber Security Council as a primary Licensed Body, including work on contextualised standards, micro-credentials and proposals to strengthen CPD pathways.
- Pioneering assessments, including the first professional title for Red Team managers (CSRTM) and the Cyber Advisor standard.
- Ongoing innovation across emerging domains: OT/IoT, robotics security, maritime and more.

## Specialism-based recognition

Validate your company in key disciplines:

- Security Testing
- Incident Response
- Secure Operations
- Governance & Risk Management
- Secure System Architecture & Design
- Cyber Security Audit & Assurance
- Cyber Security Management
- Operational Technology (OT)

*(More to follow).*

**Our approach enables the right level of accreditation for companies of every size, from enterprise to SMEs - with targeted recognition for specialist teams.**



## What accreditation means for you

**The Cyber Scheme is committed to increasing capacity of the cyber security workforce worldwide, without compromising capability. Quality is at the heart of everything we do.**

We want to do this in collaboration with industry. By working with Accredited Companies, we can increase influence, visibility and outcomes – benefiting everyone who works with us.

**It's simple; we will create an ecosystem of companies who can be trusted to deliver.**

**Signal Leadership and Integrity:** Accreditation demonstrates your commitment to quality, transparency, and trust.

**Win Contracts and Enter New Markets:** Gain recognition in regulated frameworks and emerging technologies.

**Strengthen Recruitment and Retention:** Attract verified professionals and access our cost-effective recruitment services.

## Key Benefits

### Commercial and Strategic Advantages

- Gain exposure to contracts where professionalisation is mandatory.
- Gain visibility in regulated frameworks.
- Access international opportunities through our global outreach.

### Reputation and Trust

- Show leadership and integrity by committing to quality and professionalism.
- Link organisational credibility to verified professional competence.

### Influence and Industry Impact

- Contribute to shaping professional standards and frameworks.
- Participate in industry development and networking with government, academia and industry.
- Align with and contribute to international coalitions defining best practice in cyber security.

### Talent and Workforce Development

- Access recruitment support for professionally registered specialists and junior staff at the beginning of their career.
- Receive support for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and professionalism requirements.
- Access candidates coming through our Academy and Incubator programmes.

### Financial Benefits

- Gain access to supplementary training courses to enhance team capability.
- Unlock discounts on future CPD competency assessments.

### Visibility and Promotion

- Be listed in our Accredited Company Register, promoted to the buying community and regulators across multiple sectors.
- Customise your profile to showcase services, specialisms, and thought leadership.

## Global Reach

**We are building an internationally standardised definition of 'what good looks like' across frameworks, assessments, career pathways and emerging technologies.**

We are currently engaged in multiple jurisdictions, working in cooperation and alignment with international agreements, including the International Coalition on Cyber Security Workforces, to help create markets and promote quality at an international level. This will benefit our Accredited Companies, who will be given opportunities to provide consultancy, training and professional services on behalf of The Cyber Scheme.



*As committed supporters of the Cyber Scheme, I firmly believe in their mission to professionalise the cyber security industry and to develop the next generation of talent. Their dedication to raising standards, promoting ethical practice, and providing structured pathways for skills development plays a vital role in strengthening the UK's cyber resilience.*

*I share their vision of a well-trained, highly capable workforce equipped to meet the evolving challenges of the digital landscape. By championing rigorous training, recognised qualifications, and opportunities for continuous growth, the Cyber Scheme is helping to shape a more secure and confident cyber future, one we are proud to stand behind.*



**Duncan McDonald,  
UK Regional Director – Technical Assurance  
Services – NCC Group**

## Additional Services

We are already working with procurement teams to promote and integrate professionalisation, and with recruiters to understand and adopt alignment to the professional register.

We are the largest Licensed Body for the UK Cyber Security Council and actively engage in outreach promoting professional standards, career pathways and specialism-specific training, and are effective lobbyists with regulators and Government, ensuring awareness and uptake of professionalisation grows throughout the industry.

When you join us, you will be invited to get involved in our exclusive community networking events, development opportunities, and collaboration with government and academia.

**Join a community committed to advancing global cyber security best practice.**



*I fully support The Cyber Scheme's direction and their commitment to empowering cyber security professionals. Their standards led approach, grounded in rigorous assessment, trusted sponsorship, and international alignment, sets a clear definition of what 'good' looks like, particularly with specialism-based recognition.*

*Company accreditation simply makes sense, it links proven individual competence to organisational credibility, strengthens due diligence for clients and regulators, and gives early adopters a real edge in new markets. Through The Cyber Scheme's Accredited Company Programme, we can grow capacity without compromising capability, professionalising our people while showcasing our organisation's quality.*



**Shaun Peapell, VP,  
Global Threat Services, Rootshell Security**

## The Application Process

**We have designed our onboarding process to be simple, streamlined and fast. Follow these steps to become accredited and be added to the Accredited Register:**

### 1. Prepare Your Company

Ensure compliance with security and quality standards as outlined in the evidence checklist. Identify at least one Qualifying Personnel per specialism (PCSP or ChCSP).

**2. Gather Evidence** – Technical and organisational security certificates, professional registration details for Qualifying Personnel, and signed Code of Conduct.

### 3. Complete the application form

at [thecyberscheme.org/accreditation](https://thecyberscheme.org/accreditation). View the sample agreement, provide contact information, select accreditation level (Global or Specialism-based), tick relevant specialisms, and upload supporting documents including a signed code of conduct. Once this is submitted, you will be issued an invoice for the one-off application fee (£1,200 + VAT). When this is paid, your application will be reviewed.

**4. Review & Approval** – We will undertake a financial check and Companies House review, verification of compliance and personnel credentials. Custom agreement issued upon approval.

**5. Pay membership fee** (£5,500 global OR £1,200 per specialism + VAT). Payment via invoice.

**6. Welcome & Access** – Sign custom contract and gain access to the Accredited Company portal, and a listing in Accredited Company Directory.

**7. Work with us** to build out your credentials. Your listing can include details on specialist areas, recruitment opportunities, project details, thought leadership and more (customisable to suit you).

**The Cyber Scheme will promote the Accredited Company Directory as a repository of quality and trust, with the objective of generating direct sales leads, and promoting your company and individual capabilities with regulators, governments and industry sectors.**

## Evidence Checklist

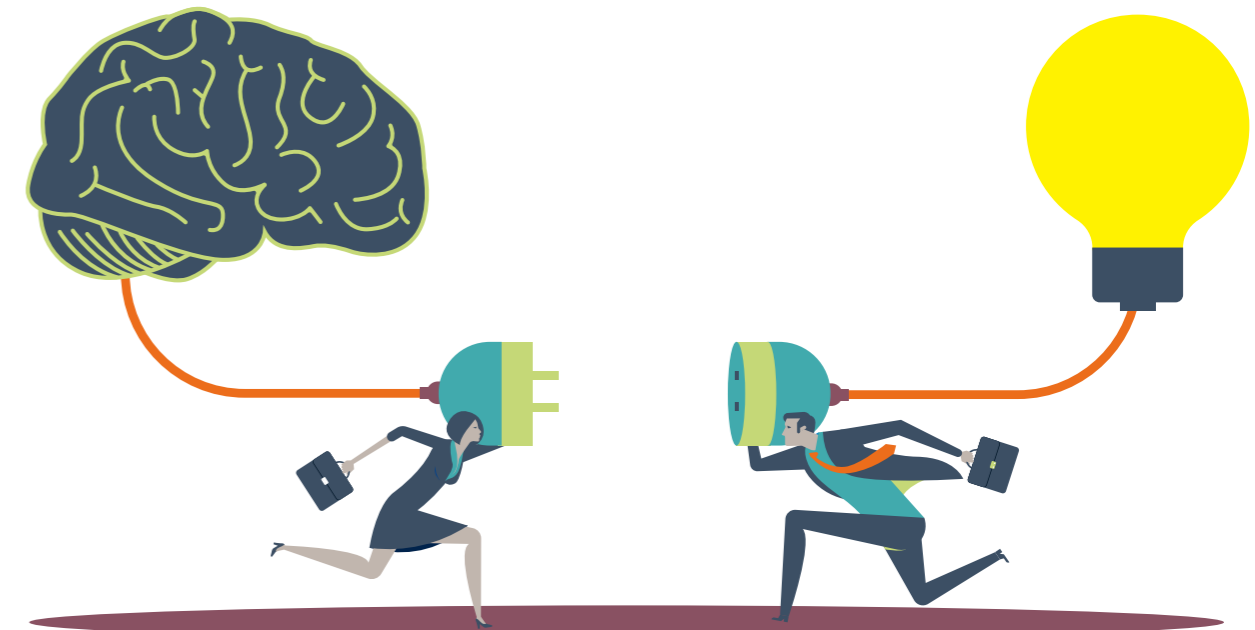
All companies that wish to become an Accredited Organisation must demonstrate good cyber security and good quality standards through an independently audited certification. Examples include:

- Technical Certifications: Cyber Essentials Plus
- Organisational Security Requirements: ISO27001, IASME Cyber Assurance. Plus:
- Professional Title Confirmation for Qualifying Personnel (PCSP/ChCSP only)
- Signed Code of Conduct.

## Fees & Renewal

- One-off Application Fee: £1,200 (plus VAT)
- Global Membership: £5,500 per annum (unlimited specialisms) OR
- Specialism-based Membership: £1,200 per annum per specialism (plus VAT)

Renewable annually upon proof of ongoing compliance and payment.





## Join Us

Ready to lead the change?

Visit [www.thecyberscheme.org/accreditation](http://www.thecyberscheme.org/accreditation) for further information and to begin your application.

Together, we can build a stronger, safer digital future.



Licensed Body



Assured Service Provider

Training Course



Delivery Partner

Cyber Advisor Assessment Provider