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Introduction to IT Governance

IT Governance recognises that information security is always a business issue, never just an IT one. Therefore, an effective cyber security strategy is one that addresses people, processes, technology and compliance.

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About us

IT Governance offers best practice solutions to help clients in the UK and abroad develop an effective cyber security strategy for their business encompassing people, processes, technology and compliance. IT Governance is the single-source provider of comprehensive information, advice, books, tools, consultancy and training for IT governance, risk management and compliance (IT GRC) disciplines.

The company was founded in 2002 and since then has helped many organisations design and implement IT GRC-related management systems. IT Governance has an impressive track record of seeing more than 130 consultancy clients successfully certificated to ISO 27001 (the information security management standard) and over 250 companies certified in Cyber Essentials.

We have worked in the following market sectors:

- Government
- Banking/ financial services
- Technology development
- Local authorities
- Professional services
- IT Infrastructure/services
- NHS/healthcare
- Bioscience/ pharmaceuticals+
- Engineering
- Education
- Charities
- Communication
- SMEs (wide variety)
- Retail
- Accreditation and certification bodies

Our offer

IT Governance's talented expert consultants and trainers are experienced in working with public and private sector organisations, both in the UK and abroad. They assist their clients in managing cyber security and cyber risks as well as complying with UK and international laws and standards.

The company has delivered training courses, consultancy and certifications to a number of companies, including government organisations, such as the Information Commissioner's Office and the Welsh Assembly. IT Governance is currently working with the Ministry of Justice, the MoD, the NHS and a number of local government agencies across the UK.

At present, IT Governance is looking to expand its training, consultancy and Cyber Essentials certification offerings internationally in regions including the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.

Training

IT Governance offers training courses for all staff, from basic user/foundation level through to advanced courses for IT practitioners and lead implementers seeking certification.

The company has delivered in-house courses on information security and IT governance in countries including the USA, the Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Angola, Pakistan and the Netherlands. The IT Governance team has supported overseas delegates in attending IT Governance courses in the UK.

The IT Governance training course portfolio includes:

- ISO 27001
- PCI DSS
- EU GDPR
- ISO22301
- COBIT
- IT governance
- CISA
- CISM
- CGEIT
- CISSP
- CISMP
- ISO 20000

Consultancy

IT Governance's consultancy team has helped many organisations address their governance and compliance issues, including compliance with the international information security standard, ISO 27001. The company's bespoke mix of consultancy services means that the consultancy team can provide support tailored to any organisation and budget. IT Governance's solutions are streamlined and factored into 'business as usual', transferring skills and knowledge through a 'mentor and coach' principle.

Some of the company's clients include the London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA), Welsh Assembly Government, Imprima, Tribal, UKAS and others.

IT Governance has the expertise to deliver similar services internationally and is currently supporting clients in Angola, Germany, Gibraltar and the Middle East.

Cyber Essentials certification

IT Governance is a CREST-accredited certification body for the Cyber Essentials scheme and has certified over 250 companies to date. Clients include Vodafone, Loughborough University and Lockheed Martin UK.

IT Governance provides all of the tools and resources an organisation needs to achieve CREST-accredited certification to Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials

Plus, including an additional vulnerability scan that provides independent verification of an organisation's security status.

With the introduction of the CyberComply portal, IT Governance has made it possible for companies to manage both their own and their clients' Cyber Essentials certification process online.

Our directors

Alan Calder CEO



Alan Calder is the founder and chief executive of IT Governance. He is also an acknowledged international cyber security guru and a leading author on information security and IT governance issues.

Alan wrote the definitive compliance guide, 'IT Governance: An International Guide to Data Security and ISO 27001/ ISO 27002' (co-written with Steve Watkins), which is the basis for the UK Open University's postgraduate course on information security. This work draws on his experience of leading the world's first successful implementation of BS 7799 (now ISO 27001).

Alan was previously CEO of Wide Learning, a supplier of e-learning; CEO of Focus Central London, a training and enterprise council; and CEO of Business Link London City Partners, a government agency focused on helping growing businesses to develop. He was a member of the Information Age Competitiveness Working Group of the UK Government's Department of Trade & Industry, and a member of the DNV Certification Committee, which certifies compliance with international standards including ISO/IEC 27001.

Steve G Watkins

Director, Training and Consultancy



Steve leads the consultancy and training services of IT Governance. He is Chair of the ISO/IEC 27001 User Group, the UK Chapter of the ISMS International User Group, and an ISMS Technical Assessor for UKAS, advising on their assessments of certification bodies offering accredited certification.

Steve sits on the IST/33 committee which is responsible for the UK's contributions to the revisions of the ISO 27000 series of standards and RM/1, the committee responsible for BS 31100, the British Standard for Risk Management and the UK's contributions to ISO 31000. Steve is also co-author (with Alan Calder) of the definitive compliance guide, 'IT Governance: An International Guide to Data Security and ISO 27001/ISO 27002'.

Steve has delivered a number of high-profile assignments himself to clients including information regulators and international police agencies.

'Having IT Governance on hand to guide our swift adoption of the ISO27001 Standard and provide ongoing expert support has been invaluable. IT Governance understood the needs of a technology enterprise like ours.'

Paul Green, Information Security and Operations Manager, Wirefast

Credibility statement

Whilst independent of vendors and certification bodies, encouraging clients to select the best-fit for their needs and objectives, IT Governance is widely recognised amongst UKAS accredited certification bodies as a leading consultancy firm and is listed on the following:

- BSI Management Systems UK Associate Consultant Programme,
- Bureau Veritas Certification approved list for the implementation and management of ISO 27001 and ISO 20000,
- Alcumus ISOQAR consultant database,
- LRQA Consultant Network,
- NQA consultant database.



'We realise now that IT Governance saved us weeks of costly effort finding out the hard way – and that time savings translated directly into LPFA achieving certification well ahead of our target dates. The time savings more than paid the cost.'

[Les Higgs, Business Improvement and Programme Manager, London Pensions Fund Authority \(LPFA\)](#)

'From initial contact to request a quote right to the end of the course, IT Governance have delivered well above expectations. Thank you for an excellent three days!'

[Lydia Portbury, ISIS Risk Manager, Essex County Council](#)

'The course exceeded all my expectations and has provided the knowledge I need to plan the implementation of ISO27001 in my organisation.'

[Richard Thomson, IT Manager, Apex Trust of Scotland](#)



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