



CBR Information Pack

What is a CBR?

CBR Stands for Cyber Basics Review. A CBR is a basic set of cyber specific questions designed to encourage and expand your thinking around the network security of your business. The CBR is a brief introduction to the topics you will need to consider to gain Cyber Essentials accreditation. Please note, unlike Cyber Essentials, the CBR is not accredited.

Is my business suitable to use the CBR?

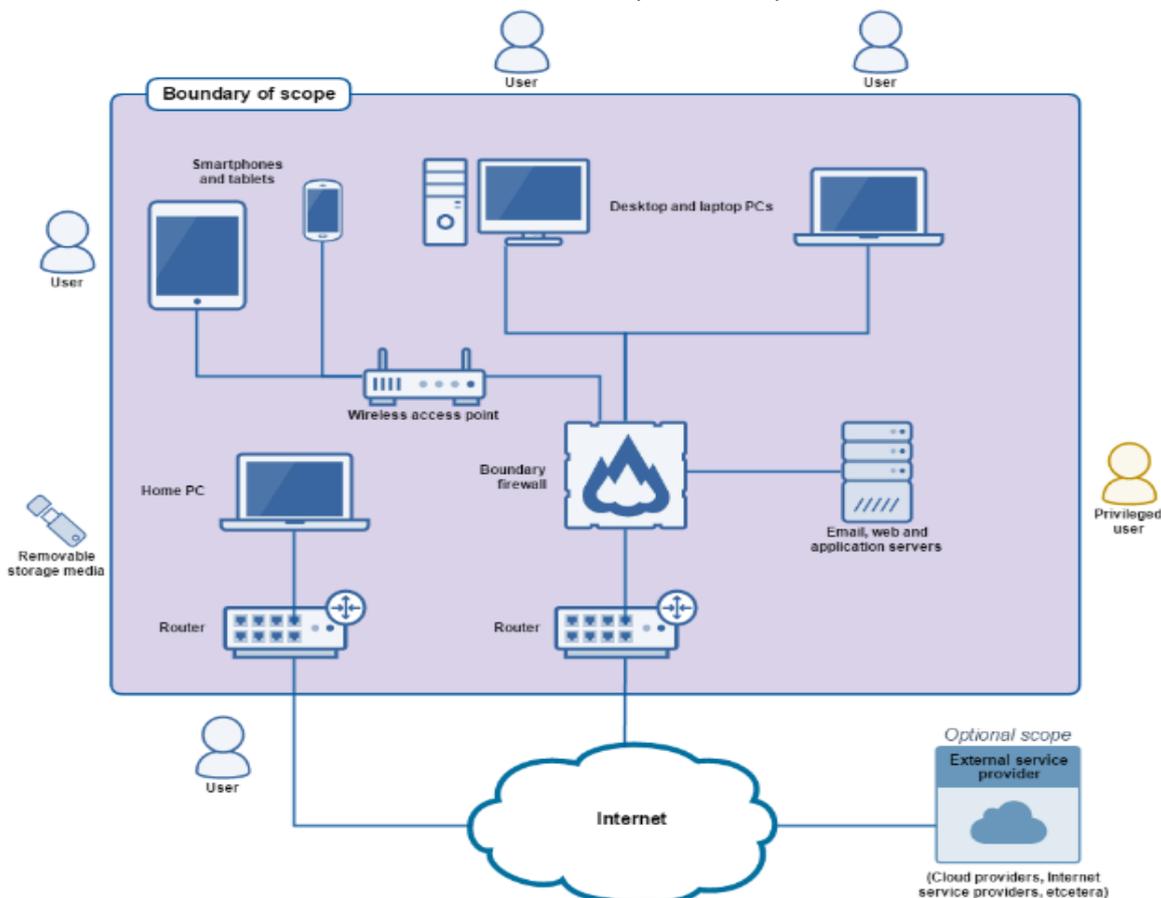
The CBR is intended for use by micro and small businesses. Whilst other size organisations are welcome to use the CBR framework, they may also benefit from looking directly at the Cyber Essentials question set, which can be found online at <https://www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk/>

How long does it take?

Depending on the size of the business, it can be anywhere between 1-2 hours.

What is included in the review?

The image below* shows a simple example of what is included within the network for the purposes of a CBR. Please note, this is not designed to cover physical security, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) or removable storage such as USB memory sticks or external/portable hard drives, using Remote Desktop or anything else that sits outside of your network, including use of Cloud storage and service. You need to consider having staff training, sufficient policies and checks in place to ensure the security of these within your network. Your local Protect Officer will be able to discuss these with you should you need further information.



*Image taken from <https://www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk/requirements-for-it-infrastructure>

What information do I need to give you?

For monitoring and statistical purposes, as well as the result of your CBR, we require the following information from you: Your business sector, the size of your business and the county in which you are based. This information allows us to ensure we have sufficient coverage of assistance and also allows us to pick up on trends in specific areas which in turn means we can offer more education and awareness on particular topics. Information will be securely held and used in line with policing purposes.

How can I prepare?

Prior to meeting with a Cyber Protect Officer/ representative, it is recommend you familiarise yourself with the question set and consult <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/glossary> for any terminology you may be unfamiliar with.

Who needs to attend/answer the questions?

The CBR is a collaborative process which ideally needs input from a member of IT security, in conjunction with a member of management who has authority to make decisions and authorise any identified changes. This is in order to recognise that the recommendations need the combination of perspectives from different types of experts and budget holders.

What is the process? Is there a follow up?

After the initial CBR meeting with a Cyber Protect Officer/ representative, your results will be recorded as outlined above. Depending on your outcome and any changes that need to be made, a follow –up meeting will be arranged to discuss progress and any issues that may have arisen. It is recommended that the review meeting be set up for three months' time but this is not essential and timescales will be dependent on progress, availability and extent of changed to be implemented.

What will my business gain from completing a CBR?

Completing a CBR encourages you to think through options for your business that you may not have previously considered. It is also a good way to ensure your business has sufficient cyber hygiene and standards. Once you have completed the CBR, hopefully you will have gained the confidence and knowledge to undertake the Cyber Essentials accreditation successfully. Further information on Cyber Essentials can be found by visiting <https://www.cyberessentials.ncsc.gov.uk>.

Once certified for Cyber Essentials, you will be able to demonstrate to your customers that you hold their data securely which puts you in a beneficial position for obtaining new business and contracts over other companies who do not have this accreditation. Also, when bidding for some government contracts, Cyber Essentials is a mandatory minimum entry requirement.