HITRUST Certification:
What You Need To Know

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Rest easy. Your organization's security, privacy, and risk management needs are in expert hands.

HITRUST Certification is a globally-recognized certification of an organization's compliance to the rigorous and comprehensive security and privacy requirements specified in the HITRUST CSF® framework.

HITRUST® has spent the last 15 years architecting and implementing a comprehensive and fully integrated approach to information risk management and compliance assessment and reporting that provides a level of transparency, scalability, consistency, accuracy, integrity, and efficiency simply not obtainable through other approaches.

Our unique and comprehensive approach to information risk management and compliance—The HITRUST Approach—addresses all of these criteria to provide the most robust assurance option available: HITRUST Certification.

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Starting your journey to HITRUST Certification.

HITRUST offers two certifications, and the assessed entity will need to determine if they are going to pursue certification against a HITRUST Implemented, 1-Year (i1) Validated Assessment or a HITRUST Risk-Based, 2-Year (r2) Validated Assessment. For either an i1 or an r2, HITRUST recommends a Readiness Assessment be performed to prepare organizations for the Validated Assessment.

1   **Identify your security and privacy controls** by downloading the HITRUST CSF framework, available to eligible organizations at no cost. Download it here and begin exploring.

2   **Get an understanding of your organization's current risk posture by performing a HITRUST Readiness Assessment.** The Readiness Assessment can reveal potential gaps as well as jumpstart your conversations with your HITRUST Authorized External Assessor firm. These firms are vetted and approved by HITRUST to provide services associated with the HITRUST Assurance Program and the HITRUST CSF framework, including HITRUST Assessments.

3   **Your journey to certification will include preparing for and performing a HITRUST i1 or r2 Assessment.** The HITRUST MyCSF®, our SaaS platform, can streamline your efforts and help your organization get ready for a Validated Assessment, while ensuring the results provide the most Rely-Able™ information about your organization's ability to mitigate risk and meet its compliance obligations.

4   **Our HITRUST Assurance and Compliance teams will then review your Validated Assessment and issue your HITRUST Certification (assuming a passing score).** Our leading HITRUST Assurance Program provides prescriptive methodology and granular oversight to ensure the consistency and quality of all HITRUST Assessments.

5   **Receive your HITRUST Letter of Certification,which is valid for two years with an r2 Assessment and one year with an i1 Assessment.** Maintain your r2 certification status by completing an interim assessment at the one-year mark. Since the i1 certification is valid for one year, there is no interim assessment for an i1 certification.

Did you know that HITRUST is the only solution that combines a framework, a platform, and a transparent assessment approach? And, unlike others, we put our name behind every independent certification report.

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What are the benefits of HITRUST Certification?

❯ Provides the most robust, Rely-Able, and transparent assurances that can be relied upon by all applicable parties such as clients, regulators, vendors, shareholders, and internal stakeholders

❯ Demonstrates that your organization is committed to managing risk, improving its security and privacy posture, and meeting compliance requirements

❯ Reduces unnecessary efforts of responding to third-party proprietary questionnaires

❯ Increases internal awareness of your organization's relative exposure, inherent risk, current security posture, and the maturity of the information risk management program

❯ Can help save on cybersecurity insurance premiums

❯ Expands your total addressable market for new business partnerships and revenue with other organizations that may require in-depth, third-party verified assurances

HITRUST serves as the preferred assurance report for organizations across multiple industries.

Many organizations even require HITRUST Certification.

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i1 IMPLEMENTED 1-YEAR
HITRUST® CERTIFIED

r2 RISK-BASED 2-YEAR
HITRUST® CERTIFIED

Interested in learning more?

How to choose the right assessment. The HITRUST team can help you choose between the HITRUST i1 and r2 Assessments.

The HITRUST Implemented 1-Year (i1) Validated Assessment is a "best practices" assessment recommended for situations that present moderate risk. The i1 is a new-class of information security assessment that is threat-adaptive with a control set that evolves over time to deliver continuous cyber relevance.

The HITRUST Risk-based, 2-Year (r2) Validated Assessment (formerly the HITRUST CSF Validated Assessment), remains the industry gold standard and continues to provide the highest level of assurance. The r2 also includes a scorecard detailing your organization's compliance with NIST Cybersecurity Framework-related controls included in the HITRUST CSF framework.

Need more information? Wondering how long the assessment process will take or how much it will cost? Schedule a consultative session with a HITRUST Senior Product Specialist or a HITRUST Authorized External Assessor today. We can answer your questions so that you can proceed through your journey **with confidence**.

If you are ready, our HITRUST experts can help you get started today.

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