



Security Posture Assess & Accelerate

An expert-led benchmark of your security posture against Critical Security Controls producing an evidenced maturity score and accelerating your maturity journey.

Service Overview

Most organisations don't have a holistic view of their security posture. Controls are owned across different teams, tooling is bought to solve specific problems, and assurance work happens in sprints leaving leadership without a clear view of where the organisation actually stands.

The Security Posture Assess & Accelerate service is a consultant-led engagement within CloudGuard's vCISO portfolio, designed to benchmark an organisation's security posture against the CIS Critical Security Controls and produce an evidenced maturity score across all control groups.

The Accelerate phase translates insight into action. Engagement time is focused on targeting the activities that drive measurable maturity uplift through policy development, control design, tooling strategy, certification readiness, and a prioritised roadmap. The assessing consultant facilitates the delivery of the acceleration of maturity of your security posture.

- **Readiness** – Benchmark posture against CIS.
- **Responsiveness** – Prioritise gaps by Likelihood and Impact.
- **Resilience** – Accelerate maturity inside the engagement.

Service Value

The Security Posture Assess & Accelerate value:

- Evidenced maturity score across CIS control groups, mapped to Implementation Group levels
- Risk-aligned findings register with Likelihood, Impact and Priority ratings via the CloudGuard Score Index.
- Active acceleration of your maturity inside the same engagement, not just a report
- Supply Chain Cyber Score for nominated suppliers, scored on a comparable scale
- Certification-ready output aligned with ISO 27001, Cyber Essentials Plus and SOC 2
- Evidence and reporting suitable for technical teams, executives, auditors and supply chain due diligence

Why this matters now

Cyber risk is now a board-level issue, with increasing pressure from regulators, insurers and customers to evidence control maturity. Organisations need more than insight, they need a clear, prioritised path to improvement, and the ability to act on it quickly.

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Critical Security Controls Benchmark

All 18 CIS control groups are in scope. Initial responses are populated in the CloudGuard Benchmark Assessment; structured workshops then validate every answer, capture supporting evidence, and separate the controls.

Maturity Capability Matrix

Scored responses produce a capability matrix per CIS Implementation Group. This produces a both a scorecard and a radar visualisation. Strengths and gaps are immediately visualised to technical and executive stakeholders.

CloudGuard Score Index

Each gap is rated for Likelihood, Impact and Priority on a 0–10 scale, contextualised against the customer's industry vertical risk profile. This translates raw control gaps into board-ready, risk-aligned findings.

Supply Chain Cyber Score

Nominated suppliers are scored using the CloudGuard Cyber Score Questionnaire across Response, Risk, Protection and Resilience, producing a comparable supplier scorecard that feeds directly into the customer's third-party risk register.

Consultative Acceleration

The remaining engagement time is invested moving the security posture forward. Facilitating policies drafting, designing controls, advising on tooling, preparing for ISO 27001, Cyber Essentials Plus or SOC 2 evidence.

Our Approach

Engagement Initiation — confirm engagement timelines, stakeholders, objectives and the agreed CIS Implementation Group level.

Response Capture — customer completes the CloudGuard Benchmark Assessment template, populating responses against each safeguard.

Validation Workshops — consultant-led workshops with technical & business stakeholders validate responses, capture evidence and filter false positives and false negatives.

Scoring & Capability Matrix — validated responses are scored via the CloudGuard Score Index; the capability matrix and findings register are produced with Likelihood, Impact and Priority per gap.

Acceleration Window — consultatively moving forward with policy drafting, control design, certification preparation, tooling guidance and roadmap construction.

Executive Readout — reporting to technical and executive stakeholders covering posture, maturity scores, prioritised findings and the recommended forward roadmap.

Why CloudGuard

CloudGuard delivers enterprise-grade cybersecurity for growing businesses. Combining automation-led technology with UK-based experts, we provide 24/7 protection, without the complexity or cost of traditional platforms. Our fully managed approach simplifies detection, protection and improvement, so you can focus on growing with confidence.

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