Commercial Product Assurance & Common Criteria

Are your software or hardware products used by governments or critical national infrastructure?

If so, carrying out a Foundation Grade Assessment on your products will provide you and your customers with assurance that they meet the correct security standards needed to protect sensitive information.

With a world class team of product evaluation experts we have in depth experience in supporting our clients through Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) and Common Criteria (CC).

Commercial Product Assurance (CPA)

The CESG CPA scheme is a UK Government scheme designed to provide assurance for your commercial security products. The scheme is administered by CESG, the Government’s National Technical Authority for Information Assurance.

CPA helps you to identify the appropriate level of assurance for your security product and differentiate it, so you stand out in a busy security marketplace.

Any capabilities that are Sovereign requirements will be met by the CPA scheme such as the evaluation of Smart Meters in the energy sector.

Common Criteria (CC)

The international CC scheme will be used on an increasing basis to provide foundation grade assurance for products for use in UK Government. Where a product category has an International CC Protection Profile (PP) available that will depreciate the equivalent CPA Security Characteristic (SC).

There are also an increasing number of mapping documents in the CPA scheme that have the potential to allow a product to achieve foundation grade assurance by the completion of a CC with a national PP which also has a CPA mapping document.

How we can help

With over 150 technical experts available we can deliver the various testing requirements outlined by the Foundation Grade Assessments.

Due to the size of our team, we can respond quickly, meeting tight timescales and also provide you with continuity and flexibility throughout your project.

Our wealth of experience on schemes such as CTAS and CHECK, as well as a broad knowledge of security products through commercial assessments and former CESG staff means you are in safe hands.
How to determine which scheme you will need

What makes us different?

Deeper expertise and better capability

NCC Group has the largest testing team of its kind in the world – seasoned, accredited, professionals with many years of sustained practice in their areas of expertise. We use the most up-to-date technologies in the market.

Industry Experience

As a CESG CPA approved lab and with a wealth of experience from other CESG schemes such as CTAS and CHECK, as well as an extensive knowledge of a huge range of technologies from embedded systems assessments, product reviews and source code review of mainstream software, we are well placed to carry out this evaluation for you.

Flexibility

We operate a fully dynamic testing facility, deploying a dedicated project team to each evaluation. You will receive full support from both commercial and technical project leaders in order to help maximise the value and efficiency of your CPA evaluation.

Absolute independence

NC Group don’t have ties to commercial solutions providers, which means that the advice and support you receive is always appropriate, impartial, and in your best interests.

About NCC Group

NCC Group is a global information assurance specialist providing organisations worldwide with expert escrow, verification, security consulting, website performance, software testing and domain services.

Through an unrivalled range of services, we give organisations across the world freedom from doubt that their most important assets are protected and operating as they should be at all times.

With our knowledge, experience and global footprint we are committed to ensuring that organisations have access to a total information assurance solution that works for them.

We are passionate about changing the shape of the Internet and making it safer.

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About Security Consulting

NCC Group’s security consulting services strengthen your position in the cyber arms race by helping you to identify risk and formulate a robust security strategy.

With our unique set of skills, expertise and services we are on hand to help you to quickly understand, contain and mitigate any breach.

With the world’s largest security assurance team and top level accreditations, we are the trusted advisor to over 1,750 organisations worldwide.