ISO 27001 Certification

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What is ISO 27001 certification?

ISO/IEC 27001 is an information security management system (ISMS) standard published in October 2005 by the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electro-technical Commission. It replaces ISO 17799 and BS 7799 as the only certifiable security governance standard. This certification is a widely accepted proof of the quality of an organization's security program.

Which Websense services are ISO 27001 certified?

Websense Hosted Email Security and Websense Hosted Web Security have gone through the stringent review process and were certified to ISO 27001 in September 2007 by SGS UK Ltd.

What value does ISO 27001 certification deliver?

Contributes towards meeting U.S. legislative requirements:

- Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Section 404
- SAS 70 requirements
- HIPAA requirements (Security rule)
- Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999
- California's privacy laws including SB 1386

Meets legislative and regulatory requirements indirectly; such as:

- Privacy legislation, such as local data protection acts
- International legislative requirements

Enhances the supplier management program:

- Organizations prefer suppliers that can prove they meet best-practice standards.
- Certification may be a requirement of customers in specific vertical markets; such as, finance, data centers, and online service providers.

Provides a measure and independent evidence that industry best practices are being followed as part of a corporate governance program

- Corporations must take care to meet the best practices and often need to show stakeholders such as sponsors, shareholders, and financers that they take good care of information security.
- ISO 27001 can offer a competitive differentiation over other, less stringent, certifications.

How does this certification compare to SAS 70 certification?

SAS 70 defines the standards used by a service auditor to assess the internal controls of a service organization and issue a service auditor's report.

- It is not a security standard but a method of providing a uniform reporting format.
- It does not provide any assurance of a corporation's information security standards.
- SAS 70 is only applicable to US operations.

ISO 27001 certification gives confidence to management, business partners, customers, and auditors that the organization is serious about information security management.

- It provides greater information security assurance because the standard is specifically designed to address current best practices in information security and nothing else.
- It is a significantly more objective information security standard than the alternatives.
- ISO 27001 compliance can be measured against the specific set of mandatory clauses published by the International Standards Organization.
- ISO 27001 compliance ensures a corporation has suitable service delivery procedures; such as, change control, authorization, and other operational procedures), as well as adequate asset management, and duty segregation.
- ISO 27001 is widely recognized as an information security standard amongst security professionals whereas SAS 70 is not.

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