

# Protect your customers' payment information—and your reputation.

Fact sheet

## PCI DSS Assessment



**You've seen the news, you've heard the stories. Companies are being hacked more than ever, and sensitive personal and financial customer information from payment card data is often the target. You put in a lot of time and effort building your reputation and gaining customer trust, but one security breach could destroy both.**

To help give you—and your customers—better peace of mind, the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) was designed to help protect payment data from the point of purchase and beyond. But even among organizations that have achieved PCI DSS compliance, many struggle to sustain it. Our analysis in the 2017 Verizon Payment Security Report further validates the challenges of security resiliency as 44.6% of companies fell out of compliance between annual validation assessments\*.

As an expert in PCI standards, we know that compliance assessments are much more than just a checklist of requirements to be met. With our PCI DSS Assessment, we'll help you get to the root of your security strategy to not only address PCI DSS compliance requirements, but also to help you improve your risk profile.

### Don't take shortcuts with your security

Your operations are complex, and safeguarding your valuable data can be overwhelming. We can help you become better prepared to protect and defend your network from attacks.

**With one of the largest teams of Qualified Security Assessors (QSAs), we have a firm grasp on what it takes to achieve and maintain PCI compliance.**

We have developed long-standing relationships with all of the leading payment card brands, and have a clear understanding of what they expect in terms of compliance. We use a risk-based methodology in our assessment, meaning we dig deeper not just to help you validate compliance, but to help you maintain security resilient.

And if you have operations in more than one country, no problem. Our team has more than 100 professionals around the globe that can perform our PCI DSS reviews in many different languages. We also let you manage the service across all of your locations from one central hub so you have a single view into your overall network.

**We help you achieve compliance and security resilience—and help you maintain it.**

### Proven methods drive meaningful results

Our PCI DSS Assessment service has three phases: kick-off, planning and execution.

During the kick-off phase, one of our QSAs will meet with you to discuss objectives, create schedules and get an overview from you on the payment card system that needs assessment.

Then, during planning, we'll align resources and carefully prepare for the assessment of the production environment by working with you to:

- Clearly identify the scope, including systems, people and locations.
- Conduct interviews and system control sampling.
- Take inventory of relevant documentation.

Finally, during the execution phase, our QSA will conduct the PCI DSS Assessment, which includes interviews, on-site controls and documentation reviews. This on-site process can last between one and three weeks, and we will alert you about all non-compliance issues as we find them. If at the end of the assessment there are still points of non-compliance, we'll evaluate the remaining gaps to help you to address any outstanding PCI compliance or related vulnerabilities.

By turning to us for your PCI DSS Assessment, you'll have peace of mind knowing your security measures will be validated by an experienced security advisor.

PCI DSS Assessment is available as a fixed or custom priced service or customer engagements.

### Fixed-Price Service Packages

Pricing is available in three levels:



Small



Medium



Large

Pricing level is determined by the number of locations or stores, the number of firewalls, applications, data centers, Ecommerce sites, and call centers – as applicable to your operation.

### Why Verizon

As an industry thought leader, we've written the book on PCI compliance – literally. We regularly publish a report dedicated to payment security issues, which is the only one of its kind to offer unique insight into the current state of PCI DSS compliance. We also have one of the largest and most experienced PCI QSA teams in the world, and have conducted more than 15,000 security assessments, including assessments for many Fortune 500 and large multinational companies.

We keep up with the rapidly changing nature of cyber threats by analyzing more than 1 million security events every day at our global network operations centers and security operations centers. And, for over a decade, we've offered our knowledge through thought leadership like the *Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report*.

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