

PCI DSS Assessment

Fact sheet

Protect your customers' payment information—and your reputation.

You've seen the news and you've heard the stories. Companies continue to be hacked and the target is often a customer's payment card data and related personal identifiable information (PII). You put a lot of effort into building a reputation and gaining customer trust, but one security breach could damage 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 onward. But even among organizations that have achieved PCI DSS compliance, many struggle to sustain it even in the short term. The 2020 Verizon Payment Security Report identifies that only 27.9% of surveyed organizations were able to achieve 100% compliance during their interim compliance validation.

As an expert in PCI standards, we know that compliance assessments should be more than a long checklist of requirements to be met. With our consulting and compliance services, we'll help you build out your security strategy to not only address PCI DSS compliance requirements, but also to improve your risk profile.

Don't take shortcuts with your security

The goal of PCI compliance should be the development and maintenance of a mature data security compliance program that results in sustainable and effective data security with continuous improvement in a consistent and predictable manner. In a complex operating environment, however, the process of safeguarding valuable data can be overwhelming at times.

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

We can help you achieve a sustainable control environment by simplifying your compliance obligations and clarifying requirements. By supporting the development, implementation and improvement of efficient control processes, the outcome should be the predictable performance of your data security program and the ability to drive continuous improvement.

Our long-standing relationships with all of the leading payment card brands means that we have a clear understanding of what they expect in terms of compliance. With 90 QSAs located around the globe, our team can perform PCI DSS reviews in a variety of languages at any of your operating locations. And, the service at all those locations can be managed from one central hub - offering you a single view into your control environment.

Proven methods drive meaningful results

Our PCI Security consulting services are delivered through defined phases during which our QSAs work closely with your team:

Stakeholder engagement

- Help identify and communicate with the key personnel involved in your data security strategy and compliance program
- Clarify the objectives, priorities, capabilities and capacity management to support associated security compliance projects

Strategic alignment

- Support aligning your organization's structure, resources, decisions and actions with your business environment and data security strategy such that they better enable the achievement of your strategic goals

Planning

- Appropriately validate the scope of people, processes, technologies and locations

Execution

- Ensure a timely kick-off of assessment activities
- Conduct interviews, collect required documentation and evidence of compliance
- Make observations and provide detailed progress tracking

Remediation

- Communicate any non-compliant findings to client along with remediation guidance
- Confirm correction of identified items during the assessment, post-remediation

Review and close-out

- We conduct an internal quality assurance review of the report deliverables
- Report is delivered to client along with any recommendations

Should there be any remaining points of non-compliance at the end of the assessment, we can partner with you to develop plans of action as well as outline further remediation consulting and reassessment efforts.

By relying on us for your PCI security assessments, you'll have peace of mind knowing your payment data security measures are being analyzed and validated by an experienced security advisor.

Why Verizon

As an industry thought leader, we've written the book on PCI compliance – literally. Since 2010, we've regularly published the acclaimed Verizon Payment Security Report, a report dedicated to payment security issues and the only one of its kind to offer unique insights 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 18,000 security assessments for companies of all sizes, including many Fortune 500 and multinational organizations.

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.

Learn more

For more information on the Verizon PCI Security Practice, contact your account representative or visit: enterprise.verizon.com/products/security/security-advisory-services/payment-card-industry-compliance

To read the latest Payment Security Report, go to: enterprise.verizon.com/resources/reports/payment-security

For more information about the other security solutions and services we offer, visit: enterprise.verizon.com/products/security