

# Protect your customers' 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. In 2016, 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 offer, we'll help you get to the root of your security strategy to not only address PCI DSS compliance requirements, but to help you have a better understanding of your comprehensive risk profile.

### Don't take shortcuts with your security

Your operations are complex, and safeguarding your valuable data can be overwhelming. Luckily, when you have us in your corner, you'll be better prepared to protect and defend your network from attacks.

As one of the first QSA organizations, we have a firm grasp on what it takes to achieve and maintain PCI compliance.

As one of the first companies to offer Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) services, we have had the chance to develop 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've developed a risk-based methodology to our assessment, meaning we dig deeper not just to help you validate compliance, but to help you stay compliant.

And if you have operations in more than one country, no problem. Our team has more than 100 assessors across the globe and can deliver PCI DSS reviews in several languages. You can sign up for this service in one location and have it delivered elsewhere using local resources.

We'll help you achieve compliance and. And maintain it.

### Proven methods mean proven 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. This is the time to make sure everyone is on the same page about roles and responsibilities.

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 make a decision on how to best move forward.

**Why Verizon**

Verizon focuses on uncovering both the strengths and weaknesses in your security program, and we base our estimate of risk on real world incidents and investigations we have conducted and documented. Objective measurement is a key part of an “in-control” security program, and the BSA provides this repeatable measurement.

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