

## 5 Tips

### For Achieving ISO 27001 Certification

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Achieving ISO 27001 certification can be an intimidating goal for organizations unfamiliar with the standard or new to information security compliance frameworks. Here are five tips organizations should consider when planning for certification.

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#### Understand the timeline and key milestones for certification.

There are several informal and formal steps that should be taken to ensure a smooth certification including but not limited to a gap assessment, internal audit, risk assessment and external audit. Be aware of the level of effort and timing required for each of these milestones and steps.

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#### Schedule the external audit well in advance and with the assistance of your preparing firm.

External certifying bodies can book as far as 6 months out. Further, each of the external certifying bodies can have unique nuances and interpretation of the standard. Work with **CyberCrest** to put the right strategy in place for your organization.



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### Leverage management system, policy and procedure templates.

Upon contracting with **CyberCrest** required documentation templates are provided free of charge. Work with your preparing firm to leverage templates to save time and costs.

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### Ensure executive and management buy-in.

There are typically over 120 clauses and controls required for ISO 27001 certification. To effectively implement the standard there should be a top down approach to ensure alignment with the organization's certification strategy. **CyberCrest** management will help your organization formulate an effective strategy to achieve buy-in.

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### Choose a preparing firm well-versed in remediation support.

Not all consultancies provide or excel at remediation support. Many firms desire to keep remediation at arms length as it can be challenging and require deeper expertise. **CyberCrest** excels in remediation support, which is our largest differentiator when compared to most firms. Ensure your preparing firm provides remediation support in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

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