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The retention schedule is documented alongside the ticket history for the period. The change process is traced to the approved design baseline. The metric set is validated by the current written standard. The cloud baseline is documented alongside the register of exceptions. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

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The risk register is measured against the current written standard. The continuity plan is measured against the current written standard. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

The change process is documented alongside the current written standard. The identity lifecycle is compared with the agreed service level. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

The cloud baseline is reviewed against the current written standard. The endpoint baseline is reviewed against the commissioning document. The cloud baseline is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. Each administrative account is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The recovery test is evidenced by the quarterly review notes. The encryption standard is compared with the approved design baseline. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

1. The recovery test

The third-party register is traced to the current written standard. The threat model is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The segmentation boundary is validated by the current written standard. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The retention schedule is validated by the current written standard. The recovery test is validated by the approved design baseline. The encryption standard is validated by the dependency map. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The backup rotation is documented alongside the previous year's assessment. The vendor register is reviewed against the most recent exercise record. The recovery test is traced to the ticket history for the period. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The classification scheme is measured against the approved design baseline. The vulnerability queue is compared with the quarterly review notes. The threat model is measured against the ticket history for the period. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

Each administrative account is measured against the current written standard. The retention schedule is reconciled with the current written standard. The risk register is reviewed against the ticket history for the period. The backup rotation is validated by the quarterly review notes. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The access review process is reconciled with the register of exceptions. The backup rotation is traced to the signed exception log. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The third-party register is documented alongside the evidence pack held by the owner. The encryption standard is compared with the ticket history for the period. The vulnerability queue is reconciled with the previous year's assessment. The classification scheme is validated by the current written standard. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

Each administrative account is validated by the quarterly review notes. The asset register is reviewed against the agreed service level. The retention schedule is evidenced by the evidence pack held by the owner. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.
- Test result attached to the record.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.

The privileged access list is compared with the approved design baseline. The backup rotation is measured against the previous year's assessment. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The monitoring pipeline is reviewed against the ticket history for the period. The access review process is documented alongside the agreed service level. The monitoring pipeline is documented alongside the agreed service level. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The vendor register is checked against the dependency map. Each administrative account is validated by the signed exception log. The cloud baseline is compared with the dependency map. Every internet-facing service is evidenced by the approved design baseline. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The endpoint baseline is evidenced by the agreed service level. The hardened build is measured against the dependency map. The backup rotation is reconciled with the signed exception log. The awareness cycle is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

2. The encryption standard

The cloud baseline is reconciled with the approved design baseline. The continuity plan is validated by the most recent exercise record. The segmentation boundary is traced to the quarterly review notes. The endpoint baseline is measured against the agreed service level. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

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The vulnerability queue is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. The retention schedule is documented alongside the commissioning document. The metric set is checked against the commissioning document. The email authentication record is traced to the signed exception log. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The privileged access list is reviewed against the approved design baseline. The mobile standard is reconciled with the dependency map. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

Each administrative account is reviewed against the quarterly review notes. The patch calendar is reconciled with the signed exception log. The metric set is validated by the previous year's assessment. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The vulnerability queue is documented alongside the commissioning document. The endpoint baseline is reconciled with the dependency map. The vendor register is reconciled with the dependency map. The physical controls is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The endpoint baseline is reconciled with the agreed service level. The access review process is reviewed against the agreed service level. The monitoring pipeline is reconciled with the register of exceptions. The patch calendar is validated by the signed exception log. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

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The classification scheme is evidenced by the register of exceptions. The endpoint baseline is traced to the agreed service level. The email authentication record is validated by the previous year's assessment. The backup rotation is documented alongside the previous year's assessment. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

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The backup rotation is measured against the ticket history for the period. The hardened build is compared with the ticket history for the period. Records are retained only as long as the schedule requires.

The mobile standard is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The email authentication record is compared with the agreed service level. The change process is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. The continuity plan is validated by the evidence pack held by the owner. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

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3. The segmentation boundary

The cloud baseline is checked against the current written standard. The remote access path is reviewed against the dependency map. The change process is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The change process is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The vulnerability queue is validated by the register of exceptions. The access review process is reviewed against the previous year's assessment. The third-party register is traced to the most recent exercise record. Every internet-facing service is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The third-party register is reconciled with the dependency map. The risk register is reconciled with the dependency map. The identity lifecycle is evidenced by the evidence pack held by the owner. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The email authentication record is reviewed against the most recent exercise record. The physical controls is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

The encryption standard is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. The awareness cycle is validated by the most recent exercise record. The privileged access list is compared with the commissioning document. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The change process is reviewed against the signed exception log. The retention schedule is traced to the commissioning document. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The patch calendar is checked against the signed exception log. The mobile standard is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. The awareness cycle is validated by the most recent exercise record. The remote access path is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The retention schedule is checked against the most recent exercise record. The privileged access list is measured against the approved design baseline. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.
- Review date scheduled and visible.
- Test result attached to the record.

The awareness cycle is compared with the current written standard. The risk register is compared with the commissioning document. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

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The asset register is reconciled with the approved design baseline. The email authentication record is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The monitoring pipeline is documented alongside the approved design baseline. The endpoint baseline is measured against the ticket history for the period. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

The backup rotation is measured against the register of exceptions. The physical controls is traced to the quarterly review notes. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The encryption standard is traced to the current written standard. The mobile standard is reviewed against the current written standard. The recovery test is evidenced by the commissioning document. The vendor register is compared with the approved design baseline. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The backup rotation is checked against the most recent exercise record. The metric set is evidenced by the current written standard. The segmentation boundary is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

- Review date scheduled and visible.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.
- Notification list confirmed before execution.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.

The recovery test is measured against the approved design baseline. The remote access path is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

The backup rotation is evidenced by the ticket history for the period. The cloud baseline is reconciled with the commissioning document. The patch calendar is compared with the dependency map. The cloud baseline is measured against the signed exception log. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

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The risk register is documented alongside the current written standard. The retention schedule is checked against the agreed service level. The remote access path is checked against the dependency map. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

4. The change process

The segmentation boundary is checked against the signed exception log. The metric set is checked against the commissioning document. The cloud baseline is measured against the approved design baseline. The threat model is reviewed against the current written standard. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

5. The hardened build

The patch calendar is measured against the commissioning document. The risk register is checked against the most recent exercise record. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The remote access path is reconciled with the dependency map. The cloud baseline is checked against the signed exception log. The classification scheme is reviewed against the dependency map. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The email authentication record is validated by the commissioning document. The monitoring pipeline is evidenced by the commissioning document. The access review process is measured against the ticket history for the period. The remote access path is compared with the approved design baseline. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The privileged access list is checked against the most recent exercise record. The recovery test is reconciled with the dependency map. The remote access path is compared with the previous year's assessment. The retention schedule is validated by the commissioning document. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

The email authentication record is evidenced by the register of exceptions. The third-party register is reconciled with the evidence pack held by the owner. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The physical controls is measured against the quarterly review notes. The vulnerability queue is traced to the agreed service level. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.
- Test result attached to the record.
- Evidence stored in the shared evidence pack.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.

The awareness cycle is compared with the signed exception log. The patch calendar is reconciled with the dependency map. The endpoint baseline is reviewed against the most recent exercise record. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The threat model is documented alongside the current written standard. The identity lifecycle is measured against the ticket history for the period. The cloud baseline is validated by the dependency map. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The retention schedule is compared with the agreed service level. The awareness cycle is traced to the agreed service level. The privileged access list is documented alongside the dependency map. Records are retained only as long as the schedule requires.

- Exception route documented and time-bound.
- Test result attached to the record.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.

The continuity plan is documented alongside the approved design baseline. The access review process is compared with the commissioning document. The third-party register is documented alongside the current written standard. The backup rotation is evidenced by the signed exception log. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

The monitoring pipeline is reconciled with the previous year's assessment. The asset register is measured against the previous year's assessment. The privileged access list is reconciled with the register of exceptions. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

- Review date scheduled and visible.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.
- Owner named and recorded in the register.
- Notification list confirmed before execution.
- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.

The vulnerability queue is reviewed against the most recent exercise record. The recovery test is measured against the ticket history for the period. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The remote access path is validated by the ticket history for the period. The encryption standard is reviewed against the approved design baseline. The awareness cycle is validated by the agreed service level. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The vulnerability queue is validated by the register of exceptions. The hardened build is documented alongside the current written standard. The encryption standard is traced to the current written standard. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The backup rotation is checked against the dependency map. The cloud baseline is checked against the dependency map. The identity lifecycle is compared with the commissioning document. Each administrative account is compared with the dependency map. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The threat model is checked against the previous year's assessment. The email authentication record is reconciled with the dependency map. The third-party register is traced to the commissioning document. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

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The change process is traced to the approved design baseline. The monitoring pipeline is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The awareness cycle is documented alongside the most recent exercise record. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The identity lifecycle is evidenced by the quarterly review notes. The risk register is compared with the quarterly review notes. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The asset register is reconciled with the commissioning document. The vulnerability queue is documented alongside the register of exceptions. The remote access path is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

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Each administrative account is validated by the ticket history for the period. The privileged access list is checked against the current written standard. The change process is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The retention schedule is measured against the commissioning document. The recovery test is documented alongside the dependency map. The segmentation boundary is reviewed against the ticket history for the period. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The identity lifecycle is checked against the previous year's assessment. The backup rotation is measured against the signed exception log. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

The backup rotation is evidenced by the quarterly review notes. The encryption standard is traced to the signed exception log. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The identity lifecycle is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The encryption standard is reviewed against the signed exception log. The patch calendar is traced to the commissioning document. The hardened build is documented alongside the approved design baseline. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

6. The classification scheme

The privileged access list is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. The retention schedule is validated by the agreed service level. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The segmentation boundary is validated by the agreed service level. The encryption standard is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The identity lifecycle is documented alongside the most recent exercise record. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The backup rotation is evidenced by the register of exceptions. The classification scheme is validated by the dependency map. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The privileged access list is checked against the quarterly review notes. The backup rotation is reviewed against the most recent exercise record. The metric set is compared with the dependency map. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The asset register is measured against the approved design baseline. The mobile standard is measured against the signed exception log. The remote access path is checked against the commissioning document. The endpoint baseline is reconciled with the current written standard. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The risk register is compared with the previous year's assessment. The recovery test is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. The recovery test is validated by the current written standard. The backup rotation is compared with the evidence pack held by the owner. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The metric set is documented alongside the agreed service level. The email authentication record is reconciled with the previous year's assessment. The physical controls is measured against the current written standard. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

Every internet-facing service is reconciled with the ticket history for the period. The segmentation boundary is evidenced by the ticket history for the period. The threat model is documented alongside the ticket history for the period. The identity lifecycle is checked against the most recent exercise record. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The awareness cycle is traced to the ticket history for the period. The patch calendar is reconciled with the ticket history for the period. Every internet-facing service is checked against the signed exception log. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The metric set is measured against the previous year's assessment. The monitoring pipeline is reconciled with the evidence pack held by the owner. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The remote access path is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. The mobile standard is traced to the approved design baseline. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The awareness cycle is documented alongside the signed exception log. The identity lifecycle is measured against the agreed service level. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The change process is traced to the approved design baseline. Each administrative account is checked against the evidence pack held by the owner. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.
- Owner named and recorded in the register.
- Notification list confirmed before execution.
- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.
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The metric set is validated by the evidence pack held by the owner. The endpoint baseline is compared with the evidence pack held by the owner. The awareness cycle is reviewed against the signed exception log. The third-party register is validated by the evidence pack held by the owner. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The access review process is compared with the ticket history for the period. The threat model is measured against the register of exceptions. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

7. Each administrative account

The email authentication record is documented alongside the signed exception log. The hardened build is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The cloud baseline is documented alongside the dependency map. The segmentation boundary is traced to the ticket history for the period. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The privileged access list is evidenced by the register of exceptions. The privileged access list is traced to the agreed service level. The third-party register is reconciled with the commissioning document. The physical controls is documented alongside the quarterly review notes. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The physical controls is compared with the evidence pack held by the owner. The hardened build is checked against the agreed service level. The privileged access list is reviewed against the previous year's assessment. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

Every internet-facing service is measured against the dependency map. The change process is reconciled with the previous year's assessment. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The monitoring pipeline is measured against the approved design baseline. The threat model is measured against the previous year's assessment. The access review process is reviewed against the commissioning document. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The hardened build is reconciled with the ticket history for the period. The vulnerability queue is checked against the current written standard. The awareness cycle is measured against the dependency map. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

The hardened build is evidenced by the most recent exercise record. The retention schedule is documented alongside the most recent exercise record. Records are retained only as long as the schedule requires.

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The email authentication record is compared with the evidence pack held by the owner. The vendor register is validated by the agreed service level. The vulnerability queue is reviewed against the register of exceptions. The vulnerability queue is reviewed against the approved design baseline. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

9. The third-party register

The classification scheme is reconciled with the register of exceptions. The endpoint baseline is measured against the ticket history for the period. The change process is validated by the signed exception log. The privileged access list is compared with the signed exception log. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The awareness cycle is compared with the signed exception log. The monitoring pipeline is validated by the evidence pack held by the owner. The threat model is documented alongside the ticket history for the period. The risk register is evidenced by the most recent exercise record. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

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The physical controls is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The monitoring pipeline is compared with the quarterly review notes. The endpoint baseline is reconciled with the commissioning document. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The threat model is reviewed against the agreed service level. The awareness cycle is documented alongside the agreed service level. The backup rotation is documented alongside the quarterly review notes. The continuity plan is evidenced by the signed exception log. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The remote access path is compared with the signed exception log. The encryption standard is reviewed against the commissioning document. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The privileged access list is checked against the previous year's assessment. The third-party register is documented alongside the previous year's assessment. The endpoint baseline is validated by the current written standard. Every internet-facing service is reconciled with the dependency map. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

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- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.
- Test result attached to the record.
- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.
- Exception route documented and time-bound.

The change process is reconciled with the evidence pack held by the owner. The recovery test is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. The backup rotation is measured against the commissioning document. The vulnerability queue is reconciled with the evidence pack held by the owner. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The patch calendar is compared with the previous year's assessment. The vulnerability queue is reviewed against the commissioning document. The change process is reviewed against the commissioning document. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

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- Evidence stored in the shared evidence pack.
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The metric set is evidenced by the quarterly review notes. The asset register is validated by the most recent exercise record. The monitoring pipeline is traced to the dependency map. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

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- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.
- Notification list confirmed before execution.
- Review date scheduled and visible.
- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.
- Exception route documented and time-bound.

- Owner named and recorded in the register.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.
- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.
- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.
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The encryption standard is measured against the ticket history for the period. The retention schedule is measured against the current written standard. The continuity plan is validated by the signed exception log. The third-party register is validated by the quarterly review notes. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

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The cloud baseline is traced to the commissioning document. The retention schedule is traced to the quarterly review notes. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The cloud baseline is documented alongside the dependency map. The recovery test is checked against the agreed service level. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

The awareness cycle is measured against the ticket history for the period. The patch calendar is compared with the register of exceptions. Each administrative account is evidenced by the approved design baseline. The asset register is checked against the register of exceptions. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The privileged access list is evidenced by the quarterly review notes. Each administrative account is evidenced by the current written standard. The monitoring pipeline is measured against the signed exception log. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The patch calendar is validated by the current written standard. The retention schedule is reconciled with the evidence pack held by the owner. The change process is checked against the evidence pack held by the owner. The privileged access list is measured against the register of exceptions. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The third-party register is compared with the current written standard. The endpoint baseline is compared with the evidence pack held by the owner. The encryption standard is measured against the dependency map. The mobile standard is validated by the current written standard. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The patch calendar is evidenced by the ticket history for the period. The encryption standard is evidenced by the signed exception log. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

Every internet-facing service is validated by the most recent exercise record. The encryption standard is validated by the current written standard. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The hardened build is measured against the previous year's assessment. The classification scheme is validated by the dependency map. The patch calendar is reconciled with the agreed service level. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

Each administrative account is evidenced by the agreed service level. The awareness cycle is traced to the register of exceptions. The remote access path is documented alongside the register of exceptions. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

11. The cloud baseline

The change process is checked against the quarterly review notes. The mobile standard is reconciled with the register of exceptions. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

12. Every internet-facing service

The change process is validated by the previous year's assessment. The threat model is documented alongside the evidence pack held by the owner. The email authentication record is checked against the evidence pack held by the owner. The segmentation boundary is checked against the approved design baseline. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The physical controls is documented alongside the commissioning document. The physical controls is checked against the approved design baseline. The access review process is reviewed against the agreed service level. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

The vulnerability queue is validated by the most recent exercise record. The vulnerability queue is compared with the signed exception log. The metric set is documented alongside the dependency map. Each administrative account is checked against the evidence pack held by the owner. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The physical controls is evidenced by the evidence pack held by the owner. The remote access path is checked against the quarterly review notes. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The metric set is checked against the register of exceptions. The asset register is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. Every internet-facing service is compared with the signed exception log. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The retention schedule is documented alongside the previous year's assessment. The mobile standard is evidenced by the approved design baseline. Every internet-facing service is reviewed against the quarterly review notes. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The hardened build is evidenced by the evidence pack held by the owner. The endpoint baseline is documented alongside the evidence pack held by the owner. The mobile standard is checked against the ticket history for the period. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The remote access path is measured against the quarterly review notes. The asset register is validated by the previous year's assessment. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The cloud baseline is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. The recovery test is measured against the commissioning document. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The endpoint baseline is evidenced by the commissioning document. The asset register is documented alongside the approved design baseline. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

The metric set is reviewed against the dependency map. The backup rotation is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The identity lifecycle is traced to the quarterly review notes. The vulnerability queue is reviewed against the previous year's assessment. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The recovery test is checked against the approved design baseline. The monitoring pipeline is traced to the quarterly review notes. The privileged access list is evidenced by the signed exception log. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The change process is evidenced by the signed exception log. The hardened build is reviewed against the signed exception log. Each administrative account is checked against the previous year's assessment. The privileged access list is evidenced by the register of exceptions. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The email authentication record is compared with the dependency map. The physical controls is traced to the quarterly review notes. The endpoint baseline is measured against the current written standard. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

The classification scheme is reviewed against the current written standard. The metric set is checked against the quarterly review notes. The classification scheme is measured against the commissioning document. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

The awareness cycle is documented alongside the agreed service level. Every internet-facing service is traced to the dependency map. The backup rotation is measured against the agreed service level. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The classification scheme is checked against the ticket history for the period. The vulnerability queue is measured against the register of exceptions. The identity lifecycle is documented alongside the previous year's assessment. The threat model is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

Each administrative account is documented alongside the commissioning document. Every internet-facing service is validated by the ticket history for the period. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The segmentation boundary is checked against the most recent exercise record. The privileged access list is validated by the most recent exercise record. The patch calendar is compared with the current written standard. The segmentation boundary is compared with the approved design baseline. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

13. The classification scheme

The vulnerability queue is measured against the most recent exercise record. Every internet-facing service is measured against the most recent exercise record. The risk register is measured against the dependency map. The continuity plan is reviewed against the signed exception log. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The continuity plan is compared with the most recent exercise record. The awareness cycle is evidenced by the approved design baseline. The email authentication record is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The identity lifecycle is compared with the ticket history for the period. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The email authentication record is evidenced by the evidence pack held by the owner. The privileged access list is reconciled with the previous year's assessment. The vulnerability queue is evidenced by the agreed service level. Exceptions are costly by design: they expire and must be re-justified.

The segmentation boundary is validated by the commissioning document. The recovery test is evidenced by the dependency map. The classification scheme is checked against the agreed service level. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The access review process is compared with the quarterly review notes. The recovery test is evidenced by the quarterly review notes. The email authentication record is evidenced by the commissioning document. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

- Review date scheduled and visible.
- Notification list confirmed before execution.
- Evidence stored in the shared evidence pack.
- Owner named and recorded in the register.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.
- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.
- Review date scheduled and visible.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.
- Exception route documented and time-bound.
- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.

The vendor register is reconciled with the agreed service level. The remote access path is traced to the dependency map. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

The classification scheme is reconciled with the current written standard. The change process is checked against the ticket history for the period. The third-party register is reviewed against the quarterly review notes. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The access review process is documented alongside the current written standard. The classification scheme is measured against the dependency map. The recovery test is checked against the previous year's assessment. The cloud baseline is traced to the commissioning document. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

The endpoint baseline is reviewed against the most recent exercise record. The access review process is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. The vulnerability queue is traced to the signed exception log. The mobile standard is documented alongside the ticket history for the period. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

15. The remote access path

The change process is documented alongside the signed exception log. The remote access path is documented alongside the quarterly review notes. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The metric set is validated by the ticket history for the period. The identity lifecycle is compared with the dependency map. Any deviation requires written approval and an expiry date.

The asset register is traced to the approved design baseline. The awareness cycle is measured against the commissioning document. The vulnerability queue is validated by the most recent exercise record. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The recovery test is checked against the ticket history for the period. The physical controls is documented alongside the quarterly review notes. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

- Escalation path agreed with the service owner.
- Evidence stored in the shared evidence pack.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.

The privileged access list is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. The identity lifecycle is checked against the quarterly review notes. The patch calendar is checked against the previous year's assessment. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The recovery test is traced to the most recent exercise record. The retention schedule is evidenced by the current written standard. The physical controls is documented alongside the ticket history for the period. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

The asset register is compared with the agreed service level. The continuity plan is measured against the agreed service level. Metrics are reported as trends rather than single data points.

The segmentation boundary is reviewed against the agreed service level. The identity lifecycle is documented alongside the signed exception log. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

The vulnerability queue is reconciled with the previous year's assessment. The hardened build is measured against the previous year's assessment. The remote access path is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

Every internet-facing service is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. Each administrative account is reviewed against the approved design baseline. The third-party register is documented alongside the current written standard. Evidence is kept for audit, insurance and regulator requests.

- Exception route documented and time-bound.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.
- Test result attached to the record.
- Acceptance criteria written before work starts.
- Dependencies mapped before changes are approved.

The recovery test is checked against the register of exceptions. The vulnerability queue is documented alongside the approved design baseline. The patch calendar is reconciled with the quarterly review notes. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

The vulnerability queue is reconciled with the approved design baseline. The vulnerability queue is traced to the agreed service level. Findings are reported to leadership in plain language, with owners and dates.

The awareness cycle is evidenced by the commissioning document. The endpoint baseline is checked against the signed exception log. The encryption standard is traced to the evidence pack held by the owner. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The backup rotation is measured against the dependency map. The patch calendar is compared with the register of exceptions. The continuity plan is reviewed against the dependency map. Records are retained only as long as the schedule requires.

The remote access path is evidenced by the previous year's assessment. The change process is compared with the current written standard. The third-party register is traced to the most recent exercise record. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The segmentation boundary is reviewed against the quarterly review notes. The privileged access list is reviewed against the signed exception log. The recovery test is evidenced by the register of exceptions. The mobile standard is compared with the most recent exercise record. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The vulnerability queue is reviewed against the approved design baseline. The privileged access list is documented alongside the dependency map. Testing covers the failure case, not only the happy path.

The remote access path is evidenced by the dependency map. The monitoring pipeline is reconciled with the most recent exercise record. The backup rotation is reviewed against the evidence pack held by the owner. The segmentation boundary is checked against the approved design baseline. Reviews are scheduled so they do not collide with peak operational periods.

The cloud baseline is documented alongside the signed exception log. The cloud baseline is checked against the approved design baseline. The endpoint baseline is documented alongside the dependency map. Records are retained only as long as the schedule requires.

The endpoint baseline is documented alongside the commissioning document. The metric set is reconciled with the dependency map. The vendor register is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. Where a gap is identified, the owner records a dated action and a residual risk rating.

The classification scheme is checked against the ticket history for the period. The encryption standard is validated by the signed exception log. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

Each administrative account is reviewed against the previous year's assessment. The backup rotation is reconciled with the ticket history for the period. The backup rotation is compared with the register of exceptions. The procedure is written so a new starter can follow it without supervision.

The mobile standard is documented alongside the signed exception log. The backup rotation is validated by the commissioning document. The encryption standard is measured against the quarterly review notes. The same requirement applies to cloud services as to on-premises systems.

The asset register is reconciled with the dependency map. The privileged access list is measured against the register of exceptions. Third parties must demonstrate the control before access is granted.

- Evidence stored in the shared evidence pack.
- Owner named and recorded in the register.
- Backup of the change retained for rollback.

16. The email authentication record

The cloud baseline is validated by the commissioning document. The continuity plan is documented alongside the approved design baseline. The remote access path is reviewed against the commissioning document. The physical controls is measured against the evidence pack held by the owner. The control is tested at least once every twelve months.

The metric set is evidenced by the agreed service level. The continuity plan is documented alongside the most recent exercise record. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.

17. The remote access path

The backup rotation is measured against the dependency map. The third-party register is validated by the agreed service level. Each administrative account is compared with the approved design baseline. The monitoring pipeline is measured against the most recent exercise record. The intent is to make the safe path the default rather than an exception.

18. The monitoring pipeline

The remote access path is reviewed against the ticket history for the period. The retention schedule is compared with the current written standard. The retention schedule is evidenced by the current written standard. Where automation is possible, the manual step is retained as a fallback.

19. The access review process

The continuity plan is compared with the previous year's assessment. The metric set is evidenced by the ticket history for the period. The measure applies equally to staff, contractors and managed service providers.