



## Which cyber standard is right for my business?

To be eligible for Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) membership your ICT network will need to meet certain accreditation standards.

Depending on your business and contractual needs, there are four cyber security standards you can choose from when applying for DISP membership:

1. ASD Essential 8 (Top 4) Australian standard
2. NIST SP 800-171 US standard
3. Def Stan 05-138 UK standard
4. ISO/IEC 27001 and 27002 International standard.

ASD Essential 8 (Top 4) Australian standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your business needs to meet the Top 4 of the Essential 8 to meet DISP ICT and cyber security requirements</li><li>• The Top 4 are: application control, patching applications, patching operating system vulnerabilities, and restricting administrative privileges</li><li>• This is often the standard used for Australian businesses operating in the Australian environment</li></ul>
NIST SP 800-171 US standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potentially a good option for businesses currently or intending to operate within the US or with US stakeholders (including exporting to the US)</li><li>• Mandatory for businesses with a contractual obligation to meet this standard</li></ul>
Def Stan 05-138 UK standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Available for businesses who have a contractual obligation to meet this standard under an old policy arrangement</li></ul>
ISO/IEC 27001 and 27002 International standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internationally recognised standards</li><li>• Conducts its own accreditation and auditing activities</li><li>• Potentially a good option for businesses currently or intending to work in multiple countries (including exporting to multiple countries)</li><li>• Appropriate for the purposes of meeting DISP membership requirements. For specific applications, it is recommended that businesses also review additional standards under the ISO/IEC 27000 family of standards.</li></ul>

**More information on each of the standards can be accessed by clicking on the links below:**

- [ASD Essential 8 \(Top 4\) Australian standard](#)
- [NIST SP 800-171 US standard](#)
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