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To

Director IT and Special Secretary to Government, Haryana  
Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Department, Haryana

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government of Haryana
2. All the Heads of Departments
3. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana
4. All the Managing Directors/ Chief Administrators of all the Boards/ Corporations in Haryana State
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana
6. All the Registrars of Universities in Haryana

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Subject:

Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines for all State Govt. Departments/Boards/Corporations etc. - regarding.

With the increased number of cyber threats, MeitY, Govt. of India, has stressed on the need for robust protection measures. It has been advised that regular cyber security audits and assessments help organizations to strengthen their security posture, identify critical vulnerabilities, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Accordingly, Cyber Security Division, MeitY has issued "Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines" vide their OM. 1(5)/2023-Cyber Security dated 29.07.2024 and 12(15)/2024-CERT-In dated 29.07.2025 (enclosed).

These guidelines aims to facilitate a productive partnership (between auditee organization and auditing organization) throughout the audit process, fostering mutual responsibility and driving meaningful enhancements in security, risk mitigation, and regulatory adherence to safeguard sensitive information and are available at CERT-In URL: [https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines.pdf) and also placed at Haryana ISMO portal in policy/Documents section with URL: [https://haryanaismo.gov.in/assets/pdf/policy%20documents/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines\\_%20July\\_2025.pdf](https://haryanaismo.gov.in/assets/pdf/policy%20documents/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines_%20July_2025.pdf).

It is therefore requested that all the Govt. offices, institutions, public sector enterprises and other government agencies under administrative purview of your department may please adhere these Guidelines to ensure security of respective assets.

Yours sincerely,

  
Director IT and Special Secretary to Government, Haryana  
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Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)

Date: 29.07.2025

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Subject: Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines by CERT-In –  
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CERT-In has created a panel of 'Information security auditing organisations' for auditing, including vulnerability assessment and penetration testing of computer systems, networks, websites, cloud & applications of various organizations of the Government, critical infrastructure organizations and those in other sectors of Indian economy. Currently, there are 200 organisations empanelled by CERT-In to provide auditing services which is being consulted frequently by the entities in Government and critical sectors for their auditing requirements.

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2. Regular cyber security audits and assessments play a crucial role in improving an organisation's security posture, identifying vulnerabilities, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations. To standardize the audit procedures and establishing roles & responsibilities of auditee and auditing organisations, CERT-In, MeitY has developed the Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines. These guidelines serve the following key purposes:

- i. Establish Uniform Standards: Ensure that all cyber security audits follow a common set of standards and procedures, thereby promoting consistency in audit quality, evaluation criteria, and reporting.
- ii. Provide Clarity for Auditors and Auditees: Define the roles, responsibilities, and expectations for both auditing organizations and auditee organizations, ensuring mutual understanding of the audit process and deliverables.
- iii. Promote Continuous Improvement: Encourage auditee organizations to continuously improve their cyber security measures by identifying weaknesses and implementing corrective actions, leading to enhanced overall security posture.
- iv. Establish feedback mechanisms on quality of audits.

3. These guidelines comprehensively cover the entire audit lifecycle from planning through reporting and are aligned with the broader national objective of safeguarding India's critical cyber infrastructure. Guidelines are hosted on the CERT-In website (<https://www.cert-in.org.in/> → Cyber Security Assurance → Empanelment by CERT-In → Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines → [https://www.cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines.pdf)) and are also enclosed herewith.

4. It is suggested that all entities under your purview may be directed to adopt the Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines to ensure a consistent, effective, and secure approach to cyber security audits.



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Encl (1): Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines

To,

1. All Secretaries of Central Government Ministries/Department
2. All Chief Secretaries of States & UTs.
3. National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)
4. Additional Secretary, PMO
5. Regulators (RBI, IRDAI, SEBI, Power CSIRT)

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With the increasing number of cyber threats and the need for robust protection measures in today's digital landscape, cyber security is a major concern for enterprises. The regular cyber security audits and assessments help organizations to strengthen their security posture, identify critical vulnerabilities, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

2. In an effort to promote a seamless, effective, and efficient security auditing process, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued "Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines". The guidelines are available on website of CERT-In through the following URL:

[https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines.pdf)

3. The purpose of these guidelines is to offer thorough guidance for both the auditee and auditing organizations involved in cyber security audits. It serves as a comprehensive guide to facilitate a productive partnership throughout the audit process, fostering mutual responsibility and driving meaningful enhancements in security, risk mitigation, and regulatory adherence to safeguard sensitive information.

4. In view of the above, it is requested that necessary action may please be taken to adhere with the guidelines.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, MeitY.

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