



## ISM Compliance (IRAP) Fact Sheet v2.2



Many government agencies (State and Federal) and private sector organisations handling Australian Government information are required to comply with the Information Security Manual (ISM).

ICT and Cloud Providers (or to-be Providers) to the Australian Government must comply with the ISM.

Organisations willing to comply to the Australian Government Information Security Standard require the services of an Information Security Registered Assessors Program (IRAP) Assessor.

Privasec's IRAP Assessors hold a Negative Vetting Level 1 clearance.



### GOOD TO KNOW

Organisations who do not fully comply with the ISM may still be able to achieve IRAP certification based on their risk profile, as assessed by the IRAP Assessor, being accepted by the ASD (or Certifying Authority).



### IRAP ASSESSORS

IRAP Assessors undergo a rigorous assessment process by the IRAP Program and are recognised by the ASD (formerly DSD) as competent to access or develop and implement ICT security systems and relevant security controls for:

- Gateway /Fedlink /Cross Domain Solution (CDS) audits of all classification levels up to and including TOP SECRET.
- Network and System reviews at all classification levels up to TOP SECRET.
- Gatekeeper assessments at all classification levels up to TOP SECRET.



## HOW THIS SERVICE WORKS

Our IRAP Assessments follows a 6 steps process. Your Privasec consultant will help you through the whole process.

1. **Scope Assessment.** Validation of the assessment scope and confirmation that the scope and the identified services are appropriately covered by the system components that are defined in the scope.
2. **Gap Assessment & Risk Reporting.** Initial review of the documentation and technology controls for in scope system components. Your consultant will keep you updated with any early findings and areas of non-compliance to give you as much time to remediate them as possible.
3. **Risk Remediation.** Your consultant will provide guidance and support during the remediation process to ensure your compliance/risk objectives are met.
4. **Final Compliance Assessment & Report.** Privasec will perform a final assessment and will issue the ISC (Information Security Compliance) Report for you to present it to the ASD or to your relevant Certification Authority (Agency).
5. **Review by Certification Authority (e.g. ASD).** Certification time depends on the Certification Authority. Talk to us to confirm processing time for your Certification Authority.
6. **IRAP Certification Granted.** Your IRAP Certification is achieved and is valid for 2 years. Privasec offers managed compliance services to make maintaining certification easy.



## LIAISING WITH THE ASD

Over the years, Privasec has established a solid relationship with the ASD. We commonly liaise with the ASD on behalf of our clients to:

- Advise ASD on customer's certification requirements.
- Discuss assessment report findings, provide details on specific services recommended for certification.
- Discuss the value these service will bring to the Australian Government.

It's just one more thing we do to make the whole process easier for our customers.



## NEXT STEP

To understand how we can help you with your ISM and/or PSPF requirements, start with a 30-minute session to discuss how we can bring value.

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