

TÜV NORD CERT – Certification of data management systems based on BS 10012



According to a survey by the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), around 70 per cent of companies in Germany have been the victims of cyber attack in the last two years. Every second attack was successful. Theft of personal data is also a frequent occurrence.

This means that it is ever more important for companies working with personal data to take appropriate and effective steps in order to protect it. Voluntary standard BS 10012:2017 supports the development and operation of a data protection management system aimed at achieving this.

Certification to this standard ensures implementation of the guidelines and processes which are necessary for the management of personal data. These include the areas of staff training, risk assessments, data retention and data destruction. The aim is to identify and analyse any risks to data protection and to eliminate them as far as possible.

Target groups for certification

All organizations which process personal data should ensure that the data and the people to whom it refers are protected, and certification according to BS 10012 provides a suitable framework for adequate fulfilment of the specified principles and rules. Among others, these include the legal compliance, integrity and confidentiality of the personal data.

Content of certification

- Leadership role and commitment
- Organization and management of information and personal data
- Data protection requirements
- Contract data processing
- Damage prevention and risk reduction

Fulfilling the principles of EU-GDPR

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regulates the processing of personal data by private companies and public bodies within the EU. It contains various principles which standard BS 10012 also addresses and takes into consideration in the implementation and maintenance of a data protection management system:

- Lawfulness, fairness, transparency
- Purpose limitation
- Data minimisation
- Accuracy
- Storage limitation
- Integrity and confidentiality
- Accountability

Easy integration

As the British Standard follows the High Level Structure, it can easily be combined with existing management systems, for example with a quality management system to ISO 9001 or an information management system to ISO 27001.

Benefits of certification

Certification according to BS 10012 offers many different benefits to companies and organizations.

- Identification and handling of data protection risks
- Raised awareness of employees with regard to safety aspects
- Implementation of rules from the EU General Data Protection Regulation
- Increase of trust on the part of customers, partners and stakeholders
- Image enhancement and improved competitive position

Our know-how for your success

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The route to the certificate



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We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yes, I am interested in certification according to BS 10012. Please contact me.

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