



Australian Government Information Security Manual Changes Document

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Security control changes

- Security controls 1541 and 1542 added.
Security Control: 1541; Revision: 0; Updated: Jan-19; Applicability: O, P, S, TS; Priority: Must
Microsoft Office is configured to disable support for Flash content.
Security Control: 1542; Revision: 0; Updated: Jan-19; Applicability: O, P, S, TS; Priority: Must
Microsoft Office is configured to prevent activation of Object Linking and Embedding packages.
- Security controls 0809 and 1484 revised.
Security Control: 0809; Revision: 3; Updated: Jan-19; Applicability: O, P, S, TS; Priority: Must
When a change to a system or its environment impacts the security posture of the system, security risks associated with the operation of the system are determined by a security assessment, and formally accepted by an authorising officer, before the system is authorised to continue operating.
Security Control: 1484; Revision: 1; Updated: Jan-19; Applicability: O, P, S, TS; Priority: Must
Web browsers are configured to block or disable support for Flash content.

Content changes

Cyber security guidelines

- Title changed from '*Cyber security guidelines*' to '*Cyber security framework*'.

Guidelines for cyber security rules

- Reference to '*Guidelines for system administration*' changed to '*Guidelines for system management*'.

Guidelines for authorising systems

- Security control 0809 was revised to shift the focus from 'reaccreditation' to activities required when a change to a system or its environment impacts its security posture.
- Fixed typographical error in security control 0904 – 'Statement of Applicably' replaced with 'Statement of Applicability'.

Guidelines for cyber security incidents

- Fixed typographical error in security control 0917 – ‘inflected systems’ replaced with ‘infected systems’.

Guidelines for outsourcing

- Amendment made to the wording referencing the ***Guidelines for authorising systems***.
- Reference added under further information for the Australian Cyber Security Center’s Managed Service Provider Partner Program (MSP³).

Guidelines for enterprise mobility

- Updated the references to the ‘***Enterprise Mobility including Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)***’ publication to ‘***Enterprise Mobility Including Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)***’.

Guidelines for ICT equipment management

- Amendment made to ‘Sanitisation and disposal of ICT equipment’ to reflect solid state drives being a class of non-volatile semiconductor memory and not non-volatile magnetic memory.

Guidelines for media management

- Fixed typographical error in ‘External interface connections that allow Direct Memory Access’ – ‘physically measures’ replaced with ‘physical measures’.
- Updated the URL for the National Security Agency’s ***Degausser Evaluated Product List***.

Guidelines for system hardening

- Updated the reference to the ‘***Application Whitelisting Explained***’ publication to ‘***Implementing Application Whitelisting***’.
- Modified security control 1484 to emphasis it relates to all Flash content.
- Added security control 1541 to address support for Flash content within Microsoft Office.
- Added security control 1542 to address the activation of Object Linking and Embedding packages within Microsoft Office.
- Updated the reference to the ‘***Hardening Microsoft Office 2016***’ publication to ‘***Hardening Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus, Office 2019 and Office 2016***’.
- Updated the reference to the ‘***Multi-factor Authentication***’ publication to ‘***Implementing Multi-Factor Authentication***’.

Guidelines for network management

- Updated the reference to the ‘***Network Segmentation and Segregation***’ publication to ‘***Implementing Network Segmentation and Segregation***’.
- Updated the URL for the National Security Agency’s ***Manageable Network Plan Guide (version 4.0)*** publication.

Guidelines for cryptography

- Updated the URL for the National Security Agency's *CNSA Suite and Quantum Computing FAQ* publication.

Guidelines for connecting networks and security domains

- Revision number for security control 1192 was changed from '1' to '2'.
- Added missing semi-colon following the last updated date in security control 0597.

Supporting information

- The entry for 'accreditation' was removed to avoid confusion with the process for physical security accreditation.
- The definition of 'authorising officer' was updated to reflect the content with the *Guidelines for authorising systems*.
- The entry for 'certification' was removed to avoid confusion with the process for physical security certification.

Security assessment aids

- The XML '<Decription>' tag was changed to '<Description>'.
- Fixed typographical error in security control 0904 – 'Statement of Applicably' replaced with 'Statement of Applicability'.
- Applicability markings for security control 0100 was changed from 'O,P,S,TS' to 'O,P,-,-'.
- Fixed typographical error in security control 0917 – 'inflected systems' replaced with 'infected systems'.
- Revision number for security control 0430 was changed from '8' to '5'.
- Applicability markings for security control 1215 was changed from 'O,P,-,TS' to 'O,P,S,-'.
- Applicability markings for security control 0421 was changed from 'O,P,S,TS' to 'O,P,S,-'.
- Revision number for security control 1192 was changed from '1' to '2'.