

FAQs FOR GOSECURE

General Questions

1. What is GoSecure? What are the objectives?

GoSecure is designed to increase the cybersecurity capabilities of our local ICT SMEs and to improve their product security posture. Through partnership with Singapore Institute of Technology, the programme helps to identify security gaps in the products and solutions through Security by Design consultation and vulnerability assessments to reduce cybersecurity risks.

2. What are the benefits of GoSecure?

Through GoSecure, ICT SMEs will be able to:

- Develop cybersecurity capability by incorporating cybersecurity best practices in the product and solution development;
- Reduce the total cost of development through early identification of vulnerabilities;
- Reduce number of security vulnerabilities in their product, resulting in increased confidence and trust from their customers;
- Meet the cybersecurity criteria in the pre-approved solutions under the SMEs Go Digital programme.

Additionally, as a result of the partnership with SIT, GoSecure provides real-life industry exposure and training for students involved in the vulnerability assessment as part of the projects.

3. Is this a cybersecurity certification programme for software solutions?

At the moment, the VA report is not a certification for cybersecurity. However, the VA report can be used for customers' references or to demonstrate compliance to mandatory cybersecurity criteria for pre-approved solution under SMEs Go Digital programme.

4. How many rounds of Vulnerability Assessment Testing will there be?

ICT companies will be required to undergo two rounds of vulnerability assessment testing. The first round will assist company to uncover the vulnerabilities within their solution and second round is validation to ensure that vulnerabilities are resolved.

5. What is required from my company after each Vulnerability Assessment Test?

After the completion of the first round of vulnerability assessment testing, ICT companies are expected to commit their resources to resolve the vulnerabilities uncovered in the testing.

6. Do companies pay less for these services by signing up for GoSecure?

There are different variables, e.g. scope of work, man-day rate, that will contribute to the cost of security testing. Comparatively, commercial rate could be up to 2 times higher than the cost of services rendered through the GoSecure programme.

7. If an ICT company does not meet the criteria for GoSecure, are there any other commercial service providers that can provide similar services? What is the difference?

For ICT SMEs that do not meet the criteria for GoSecure, they may approach commercial service providers that provide security testing services. However, they might not get access to the one-on-one Security by Design Consultation that is put in place by SIT as part of GoSecure. They will also likely to pay for vulnerability assessment testing services at a higher rate.

8. Who can participate in GoSecure?

Eligibility criteria include:

- Priority for First-Time Applicant for GoSecure
- Singapore-Owned or Singapore-Based ICT SME¹
- Owns the IP of the product or solution to undergo vulnerability assessment
- Have positive net equity based on the latest financial statement (optional for start-up companies²)
- Have local technical resources to go through capability upskilling and vulnerability assessment testing

9. How to Apply and Participate in GoSecure?

ICT SMEs that wish to participate in the GoSecure programme may write in to cybersecurity@Singaporetech.edu.sg.

¹ ICT SME refers to the following:

- Business entities registered and operating in Singapore
- Singapore registered company that engages in Infocomm Technology (ICT) and related activities based on SSIC codes
- Minimum 30% local shareholding
- Company's Group annual sales turnover not more than \$100 million **OR** Company's Group employment size not more than 200 workers

² Start-up Companies refer to the following

- Registered for less than 5 years at time of grant application
- At least 30% local shareholdings
- Company's Group annual sales turnover is not more than \$100 million or group employment size is not more than 200 workers; and
- Core activities to be carried out in Singapore.