



CSA Star Certification

**Add value.
Inspire trust.**

Your challenges

Businesses today face significant challenges that have driven the development of the CSA STAR certification, especially in sectors like healthcare, IT, and BFSI, where cloud adoption is rising rapidly. Key issues include a lack of transparency in cloud service providers' security practices, complex regulatory requirements (like HIPAA and GDPR), increased third-party risk, and the evolving cyber threat landscape. Organizations struggle to ensure that their cloud partners meet stringent compliance and data protection standards, while also dealing with fragmented security frameworks and audit fatigue. CSA STAR addresses these concerns by offering a harmonized, transparent, and tiered assurance model—combining self-assessment, third-party certification (aligned with ISO/IEC 27001), and continuous monitoring—thereby helping businesses assess, manage, and trust the security posture of cloud service providers.

What is CSA Star?

Assuring cloud security and inspiring trust starts with auditing for adherence to standards and frameworks. Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) provides the publicly accessible Security, Trust, Assurance, and Risk (STAR) registry, which documents security and privacy controls used by cloud computing providers. This includes the harmonization of standards outlined in CSA's Cloud Controls Matrix.

Why is CSA Star certification important for your business?

The CSA Star certification is designed to work in tandem with ISO/IEC 27001 for cloud computing providers. ISO/IEC 27001 certification demonstrates that you have implemented an Information Security Management System (ISMS) and general security controls. In addition, CSA Star certification further acknowledges that your organization also features the particular security controls covered by the CSA Cloud Controls Matrix.

Cloud Service Providers that hold both ISO/IEC 27001 and CSA Star certifications prove to customers and other stakeholders that they meet a higher level of security and proactively protect data from cyber-attacks.

How can we help you?

We can support businesses in their certification journey to CSA Star. There are two levels an organization can achieve: Level 1 is a self-assessment that is suited for organizations operating in a low-risk environment. For the security assessment, organizations use the Cloud Controls Matrix to evaluate and document their security controls. The privacy assessment submissions are based on the GDPR Code of Conduct.

Level 2 is a third-party assessment for organizations operating in a medium to high-risk environment. This level is suitable for organizations already adhering to any of the following: ISO/IEC 27001, SOC 2, GB/T 22080-2008, GDPR.

Your business benefits

- **Gain competitive advantage** – and provide confidence to your stakeholders and customers on maintaining the highest standards for cloud security.
- **Increase trust and transparency towards stakeholders** – to meet contractual requirements and concerns.
- **Address risks proactively** – by complying with the security controls covered by the CSA Cloud Controls Matrix.

Why choose TÜV SÜD?

By choosing TÜV SÜD, you partner with a team of experts who help you manage risks and access global markets through tailored technical solutions. Our experienced auditors guide you through the entire CSA Star certification process. We customize our approach to fit your industry and specific needs, helping you address gaps and strengthen security. As a trusted partner, we go beyond compliance, enhancing stakeholder trust and ensuring long-term adherence to evolving regulations and best practices.

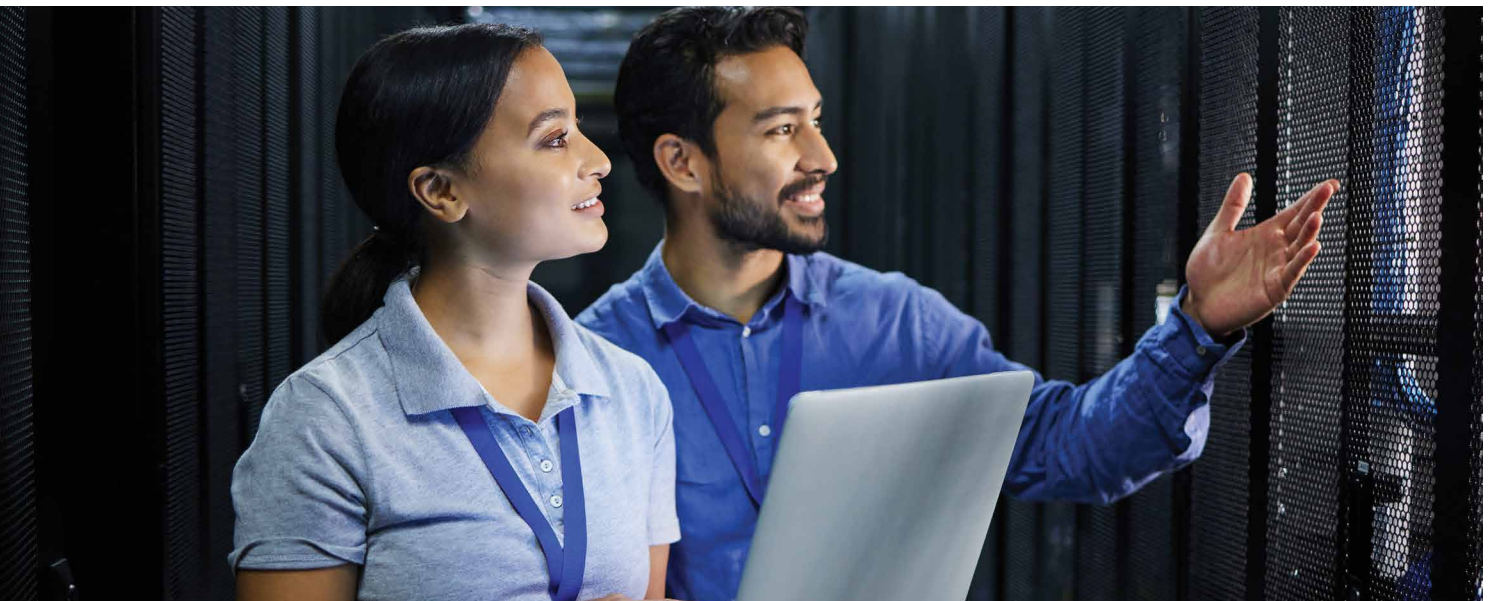
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Related services

TÜV SÜD provides the following related services

- **Public CSA Programs:**
 - Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK) – Foundation
 - Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK) – Plus
 - Certificate of Competence of Zero Trust (CCZT)



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