

# What is HITRUST CSF?

HITRUST Common Security Framework (CSF) is becoming the most widely adopted framework for the healthcare industry in the US.

The HITRUST CSF rationalises relevant regulations and standards and provides a common framework specific to the healthcare industry for managing security risks. By applying a single, comprehensive and certifiable framework to harmonise multiple regulations, standards and best practices, organisations can achieve a single assessment that may be reported in multiple ways for an 'assess once, report many' approach.

The CSF is not a new standard, but a certifiable framework designed to help vendors prove their security and for covered entities to streamline security reviews of their vendors.

*Several of the largest global healthcare payers now require that their vendors obtain a HITRUST certification by 2017.*

## Is HITRUST for you?

The following questions will enable you to answer:

1. Do you provide services to the US healthcare payers or providers?
2. Do you access, store, process or transmit protected health information (PHI) for the US companies?
3. Are you facing increased scrutiny from your US-based healthcare business partners related to security?
4. Are you concerned about complying with the HIPAA security rule?
5. Are you constantly involved in redundant, overlapping, frequent and costly security audits related to PHI?

*If the answer to any of the above-mentioned questions is affirmative, you can benefit from adopting HITRUST.*

## Why adopt HITRUST?

1

Provides **comfort to your business partners** and **serves as a differentiator**, allowing you to expand your business

2

Prescriptive and comprehensive controls **framework specific to securing PHI**, with a common set of information security requirements, assessment tools and reporting processes

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**Reduces the number and costs** of security audits from business partners

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HITRUST governance and quality control **enables trust between you and your business partner**

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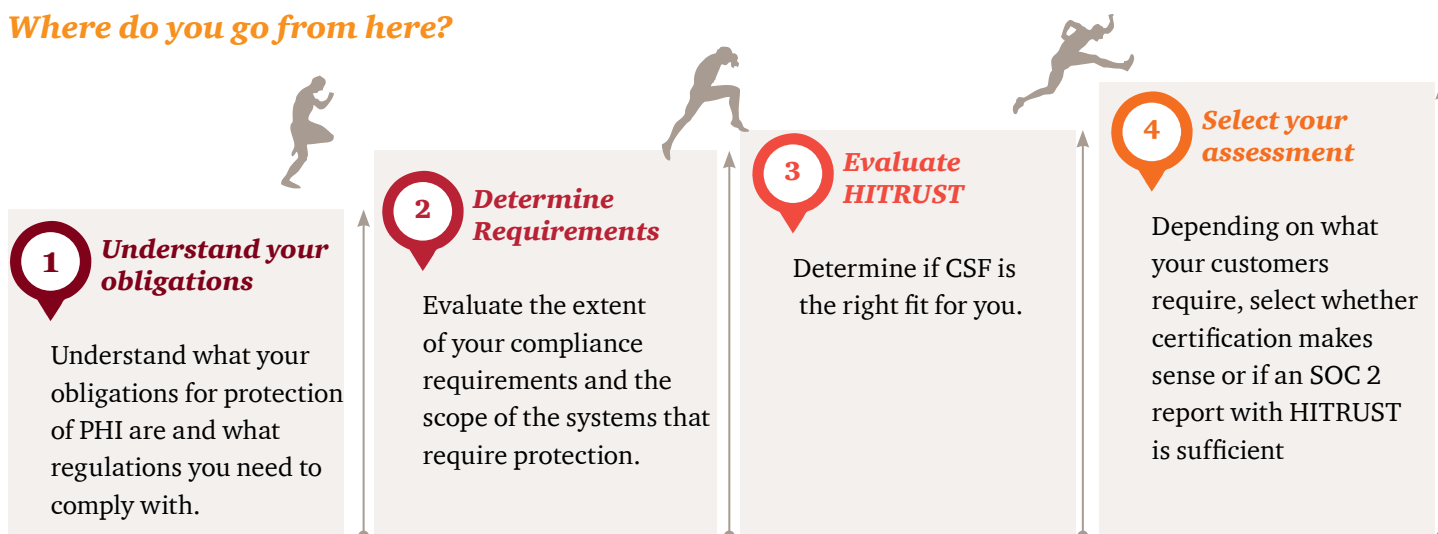
HITRUST CSF is **scalable and is periodically updated**

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Depending on what your customers require, you can use HITRUST CSF as a basis to provide assurance over PHI.



## Where do you go from here?



## We can help

PwC's security and privacy professionals will help you assess whether the HITRUST CSF makes sense for your institution. PwC can assist you with the adoption of the HITRUST CSF as the foundation of your security and privacy compliance programme.

- Deep understanding of the broad healthcare industry
- Extensive experience: Assessing, designing and testing, information security and privacy controls
- We leverage our strong global network to bring insights to clients related to best practices.

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