

Axians virtual CISO (vCISO)

Instant cybersecurity leadership, zero overhead

Giving you direct, flexible senior cybersecurity leadership that delivers structure, governance, and confidence - without the cost of a full-time CISO.

Overview

Axians' virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO) service provides organisations with direct access to senior cybersecurity expertise, without the cost and complexity of hiring a full-time CISO. Designed to strengthen security maturity and build long-term resilience, our vCISO offering brings together governance, risk management, compliance oversight, and strategic security direction under a single, flexible service model. Acting as a trusted advisor to executives, IT teams, and other stakeholders, the Axians vCISO embeds security into everyday decision-making while guiding organisations towards a more proactive, structured, and intelligence-led security posture.

The vCISO service provides an independent, expert perspective across supplier risk, emerging threats, technology choices, and organisational readiness - helping you confidently navigate an evolving cybersecurity landscape. With Axians as your strategic security partner, you gain the leadership, oversight, and assurance needed to protect your organisation, meet stakeholder expectations, and enable secure growth.

Helping organisations to take control:

1. Strengthens cybersecurity strategy and direction

Axians vCISO service gives organisations specific expertise to shape a clear cybersecurity strategy and roadmap. This ensures security investments are aligned to business priorities, helping organisations move from reactive measures to proactive, long-term cyber resilience.

2. Enhances governance and policy maturity

With ongoing governance support - including the creation and maintenance of security policies, standards, and frameworks - we help build a structured, repeatable, and auditable security practice. This elevates organisational discipline and ensures consistent security-led decision-making.

3. Improves risk visibility and control

By defining and tracking meaningful security KPIs and KRIs (Key Risk Indicators), owning the risk register and driving risk treatment plans, the vCISO service provides full transparency over cyber risks and their mitigation. You gain clarity on your exposure, confidence in remediation planning, and assurance that risks are continually monitored and managed.

4. Supports compliance and certification readiness

Axians vCISO strengthens readiness for frameworks such as ISO 27001, Cyber Essentials Plus, and other regulatory or customer-driven compliance needs. This reduces the burden on internal teams while enabling a demonstrably mature, audit-ready security posture.

5. Builds operational preparedness for cyber incidents

Through incident response planning, tabletop exercises and security operating model alignment (roles, responsibilities, escalation etc.), the vCISO helps you prepare for real-world scenarios. This improves coordination, strengthens response capability, and reduces the potential impact of cybersecurity incidents on operations and reputation.

6. Drives informed decision-making at leadership level

With supplier risk assessments, due diligence activities, and regular engagement with senior leadership and the board, we ensure cybersecurity remains visible at the highest levels. By translating cyber risks into business impact, this promotes informed, risk-aware executive decision-making and embeds security as a strategic business enabler.

What you gain with Axians vCISO

- ✓ Stronger security posture & lower risk
- ✓ Clear governance, reporting, and accountability
- ✓ Improved resilience and incident readiness
- ✓ Better compliance alignment
- ✓ Security strategy aligned to organisational outcomes

Ideal for organisations who want to:

- ▶ Strengthen cybersecurity posture without hiring a full-time CISO
- ▶ Improve governance, policies, and security accountability across the organisation
- ▶ Gain clear visibility and control over cyber risks and remediation plans
- ▶ Accelerate readiness for certifications and regulatory compliance
- ▶ Enhance incident preparedness and response maturity
- ▶ Embed security into leadership decision-making and supplier relationships
- ▶ Build long-term, proactive resilience in an evolving threat landscape

Next Steps

Axians vCISO is available as a flexible monthly subscription or to dovetail existing or planned programs. Contact us today to find out how we can optimise networking and cybersecurity for your organisation.

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