



Cybersecurity Budget Readiness Assessment Checklist

Instructions

Use this checklist to evaluate your organisation's cybersecurity budgeting maturity and operational spending efficiency.

Score each item:

- Yes = 2 points
- Partial/In Progress = 1 point
- No = 0 points

Budget Visibility & Governance

- We maintain visibility into all cybersecurity tools and subscriptions.
- Cybersecurity budgeting responsibilities are clearly assigned.
- Leadership reviews cybersecurity spending regularly.
- Vendor contracts are evaluated before renewal.
- Cybersecurity investments align with operational priorities.

Operational Resilience

- MFA is implemented across critical systems.
- Backup and recovery procedures are tested regularly.
- Incident response planning is funded and maintained.
- Monitoring and visibility capabilities are operationally effective.
- Cybersecurity budgeting includes continuity planning.

Employee Awareness & Human Risk

- Employees receive ongoing cybersecurity awareness training.
- Reporting culture is actively encouraged.
- Remote work security guidance exists.
- Human risk reduction is considered during budget planning.
- Leadership participates in awareness initiatives.

Vendor & Technology Oversight

- We regularly review unused or overlapping tools.
- Vendor performance is evaluated consistently.
- Cloud dependency exposure is understood operationally.
- Outsourced cybersecurity responsibilities are clearly defined.
- Technology purchases are aligned with operational need.

Strategic Planning & Long-Term Sustainability

- Cybersecurity spending is reviewed continuously, not yearly only.
- Budgeting considers future operational growth.
- Governance structures support cybersecurity planning.
- Compliance and insurance requirements are evaluated during budgeting.
- Cybersecurity investments focus on long-term resilience.

Scoring Results

40–50 Points — Strong Budgeting Maturity

Your organisation demonstrates strong cybersecurity budgeting discipline, governance visibility, and resilience-focused planning.

Continue refining:

- vendor oversight,
 - operational preparedness,
 - awareness culture,
 - and long-term scalability.
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20–39 Points — Moderate Financial Exposure

Your organisation has foundational budgeting practices but may still face:

- spending inefficiency,
- governance gaps,
- or operational imbalance.

Focus on:

- visibility,
 - vendor review,
 - resilience prioritization,
 - and governance improvement.
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0–19 Points — High Security Spending Inefficiency

Your organisation may face significant challenges involving:

- fragmented spending,
- operational blind spots,
- excessive tooling,
- or weak resilience planning.

Immediate priorities should include:

- budgeting visibility,
- governance accountability,
- operational risk review,

and strategic prioritisation improvements.