



# Cybersecurity Procurement Readiness Assessment Checklist

## Instructions

Use this checklist to evaluate your organisation's cybersecurity procurement maturity and operational resilience alignment.

Score each item:

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

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## Procurement Visibility & Governance

- We maintain a current inventory of cybersecurity tools and vendors.
- Procurement decisions follow a documented review process.
- Leadership receives visibility into cybersecurity procurement priorities.
- Vendor ownership responsibilities are clearly assigned.
- Procurement governance includes operational risk evaluation.

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## Vendor Evaluation & Operational Alignment

- Vendors are evaluated beyond marketing claims.
- Operational scalability is reviewed before procurement decisions.
- Vendor support quality is assessed carefully.
- Long-term operational dependency is considered.
- Workforce usability is evaluated before implementation.

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## Budget Discipline & Procurement Efficiency

- Tool overlap is reviewed regularly.
- Procurement decisions align with operational priorities.
- Cybersecurity budgets are reviewed strategically.
- Procurement avoids unnecessary complexity.
- Existing tools are evaluated before purchasing additional solutions.

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## Resilience & Operational Preparedness

- Procurement decisions support business continuity planning.
- Backup and recovery capabilities are prioritised.
- Vendor concentration risk is evaluated.
- Cloud dependency exposure is reviewed.
- Procurement strategy supports long-term resilience goals.

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## Continuous Improvement & Strategic Oversight

- Vendor performance is reviewed regularly.
- Procurement reporting supports governance visibility.
- Emerging technology risks are evaluated carefully.
- AI-driven cybersecurity products are assessed realistically.
- Procurement strategy evolves alongside operational growth.

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## Scoring Results

**40–50 Points — Strong Procurement Maturity**

Your organisation demonstrates strong procurement governance, operational discipline, and resilience-focused cybersecurity planning.

Continue strengthening:

- operational visibility,
  - vendor oversight,
  - and long-term strategic procurement alignment.
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## **20–39 Points — Moderate Procurement Exposure**

Your organisation has foundational procurement processes but may still face:

- operational inefficiencies,
- governance gaps,
- or unnecessary complexity.

Focus on:

- procurement visibility,
  - vendor evaluation,
  - governance reporting,
  - and operational simplification.
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## **0–19 Points — High Procurement Risk & Inefficiency**

Your organisation may face significant exposure involving:

- fragmented procurement,
- overlapping tools,
- poor governance visibility,
- or operational waste.

Immediate priorities should include:

- inventory review,
- governance improvement,
- vendor evaluation discipline,

and resilience-focused procurement planning.