

Payment Card Industry Services

Enabling Your IT Infrastructure

Akibia is a Qualified Security Assessor Company (QSAC) for the Payment Card Industry (PCI), providing both on-site assessments as well as quarterly online network scans. We approach PCI compliance the same way we approach all other regulatory issues - we help our customers achieve compliance as part of their overall security framework. As technology consultants, we are different than most of the PCI assessors - rather than just analyze your environment for compliance, we also recommend innovative, cost-effective solutions that will ensure better security, while achieving compliance.

What is the PCI Data Security Standard?

The PCI Data Security Standard sets requirements for securing credit card data that is stored, processed, or transmitted, to further protect the end customer from identity theft and fraud. On- and off-line retailers, data processors and in fact any business that handles credit card data must meet PCI guidelines. The Standard outlines technology requirements such as the use of data encryption, end-user access control, and activity monitoring and logging. It also includes procedural mandates such as the need to implement formal security policies and vulnerability management programs. It requires companies to validate their compliance via a PCI-certified assessor either annually or quarterly, depending on their transaction levels. Non-compliance can be costly, resulting in steep fines, as well as loss of customers and reputation.

Akibia's Approach to PCI Compliance

Akibia has specialized in IT services and network security for 20 years and we bring significant consulting and systems integration expertise to our customers. As security experts and a QSAC, we help our customers seeking PCI compliance create a comprehensive security strategy, leveraging industry best practices and best-in-breed technology solutions, while incorporating PCI compliance requirements.

PCI ON-SITE ASSESSMENTS

- While only the largest payment card processors are required to prove they have performed a yearly on-site assessment, Akibia encourages all companies to comply with the full requirements, as mandated by the PCI Data Security Standards Council, because they provide a strong best-practice example for data security. Akibia's PCI experts understand the regulations, as well as the technologies and process improvements that can be implemented to achieve compliance. We objectively evaluate your current security architecture and environment against the industry requirements, and we recommend and implement cost-effective security measures to ensure regulations and guidelines are met.

PAYMENT CARD INDUSTRY NETWORK SCANS

- Akibia partners with Qualys to provide PCI Network Scans. These scans serve as a regular assessment of payment card industry compliance and are recommended as a best practice by the industry.

Akibia is a Different Kind of PCI Assessor

At Akibia we understand the importance of PCI Compliance. We also understand your security infrastructure, and we recognize the investments you have made in building a security strategy. We work with you to ensure you understand and interpret the PCI guidelines, and we often develop innovative solutions to ensure compliance based on many of the security systems you are already running. This approach can ensure lower costs-for-compliance, fewer disruptions to daily business operations, and less of an impact on the business user's interface with customer data.

As proven security consultants with more than twenty years experience performing vulnerability assessments and regulatory gap analysis at hundreds of organizations, Akibia provides the unique mix of regulatory understanding and security expertise.

About Akibia, Inc.

Akibia provides innovative IT solutions that enable leading companies worldwide to optimize, secure, manage and support their mission-critical data center and security infrastructure. Combining expert consulting, integration and support services with world-class customer service, Akibia helps IT organizations maximize the value of their existing infrastructure, while mitigating risk and reducing complexity. Founded in 1988, Akibia is an independent IT services company with offices throughout the United States and Europe. For more information, please contact us at 1-866-4-AKIBIA (425-4242) or at info@akibia.com. To contact our European Headquarters, please call +31 (0) 318 581950.