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# SOC 2 REPORTS PLUS CSA STAR ATTESTATION

As a cloud service provider (CSP), you are responsible for highly sensitive and often confidential data belonging to your customers, employees, and other vendors. CSA STAR is the only third-party audit and attestation program that recognizes heightened assurance requirements and maturity levels of CSPs.

As more systems and data move to the cloud, the public registry of CSA Star certified providers offers the highest level of assurance to customers by demonstrating a commitment to security adherence to accepted regulations, standards, and frameworks.

## WHAT ATTESTATION MEANS FOR YOU.

The CSA STAR Attestation is an assessment that utilizes the SOC 2 framework to report on the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of a CSP's internal controls relevant to the applicable Trust Services Criteria and the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of its controls in meeting the criteria in the CSA Cloud Control Matrix.

The CSA STAR Attestation leverages the details of the SOC2 Trust Services Criteria together with the CSA Cloud Controls Matrix to evaluate an organization's controls. Organizations applying for their initial STAR attestation can obtain a Type 1 or Type 2 SOC 2, but in subsequent attestations for a SOC 2 for the same system, only the Type 2 will be accepted.

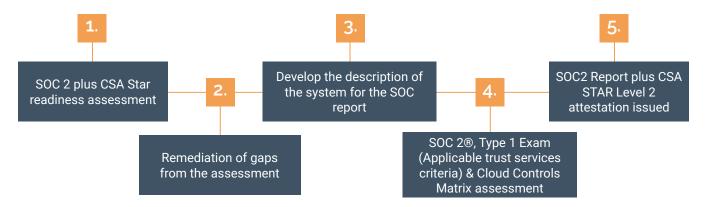
### WHY CSA STAR?

- Acts in concert with other accepted standards to provide constructive assessments of cloud security vulnerabilities and proposed remediation strategies
- Offers assurance in providers' ability to deliver secure service
- Implements a comprehensive framework that aligns with cloud security industry expectations, and depending on AICPA guidance
- Increases visibility of cloud assets to allow management to monitor effectiveness of systems
- Provides industry benchmarks and performance indicators



#### HOW OUR PROCESS WORKS.

An initial Type 1, SOC 2 plus CSA Star Level 2 attestation can be attained in as few as six months. Assuming an organization can apply the appropriate resources, the following is an illustration of the related phases and timing.



#### GET IN TOUCH WITH US.

Our team can help develop the right plan with the right resources to meet your goals. Combining our core audit function with a depth of knowledge of IT, financial controls, and operations best practice, we deliver service that is customized and comprehensive.

We have experienced an excellent business partnership with professionals that are both knowledgeable and pleasant to work with."

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