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ASD has launched the Essentials, the successor to the Essential Eight. What changes for your business

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- [ ] **Keep current Essential Eight work going.** ASD advises against slowing or stopping uplift programs already under way.
- [ ] **Ask your IT provider which Essentials chapter fits your business.** ASD suggests the cloud chapter for businesses that mainly use SaaS or PaaS, and the enterprise IT chapter for those with their own servers or a hybrid setup.
- [ ] **Record where you stand now.** Write down your Essential Eight maturity, existing controls, risk assessment results and key business functions as a starting point for a gap analysis.
- [ ] **Start with identity and internet-facing systems.** These are the first priority phase in the enterprise IT chapter: internet-facing services, edge devices, directories and sign-in services.
- [ ] **Check whether your MFA is phishing-resistant.** Both the enterprise IT and cloud chapters call for phishing-resistant MFA for users signing in to systems.
- [ ] **Check contracts and insurance that mention the Essential Eight.** Ask the client or insurer whether, and when, they will move to the Essentials.

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