



# SCF | SECURE CONTROLS FRAMEWORK

## Secure Controls Framework Conformity Assessment Program (SCF CAP) Ecosystem








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- SCF Third-Party Assessment Organization (3PAO) 
- SCF Authorized Platform Organization (APO) 
- SCF Registered Provider Organization (RPO) 
- SCF Organization Seeking Assessment (OSA) *OSAs do not have a badge*
- SCF Certified Organization (CO) 




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- SCF Licensed Training Provider (LTP) 
- Individual Certifications
  - SCF Practitioner 
  - SCF Architect 
  - SCF Assessor 
  - SCF Trainer 



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- SCF Authorized Platform Partner (APP) 



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**The Cyber AB** governs the following aspects of the SCF CAP Ecosystem:

- **SCF Third-Party Assessment Organization (SCF 3PAO).** SCF 3PAOs are entities accredited by The Cyber AB to conduct SCF-related Third-Party Assessment, Attestation, and Certification (3PAAC) services for Organizations Seeking Assessment (OSA) under the SCF CAP. These organizations provide objective, consistent, thorough, and reliable assessments of an OSA's implementation of the SCF, ensuring conformance with specified cybersecurity and/or data protection requirements. SCF 3PAOs play a critical role in maintaining the integrity and credibility of SCF certifications through rigorous and impartial assessments.
- **SCF Authorized Platform Organization (SCF APO).** SCF APOs are cloud-based platforms, including Cloud Service Providers (CSPs), Managed Service Providers (MSPs), Managed Security Service Providers (MSSP), and other platform- or process-oriented service providers that operate within the defined scope of the SCF framework. SCF APOs provide a structured platform environment for implementing SCF principles within cloud infrastructures and related technological solutions, reinforcing the integrity and effectiveness of SCF-compliant operations.
- **SCF Registered Provider Organization (SCF RPO).** SCF RPOs are organizations that provide SCF-related professional services, including consulting and implementation. SCF RPOs assist organizations in preparing for assessments, streamlining SCF adoption, and ensuring alignment with cybersecurity and compliance objectives. SCF RPOs have demonstrated a commitment to professionalism and expertise in implementing the SCF within diverse business environments.
- **SCF Organizations Seeking Assessment (SCF OSA).** SCF OSAs are organizations that are working towards earning a SCF-based certification, but have not yet undergone a SCF CAP conformity assessment.
- **SCF Certified Organization (SCF CO).** SCF COs are SCF OSA that have successfully passed an SCF CAP conformity assessment and have earned an SCF Certified designation. These organizations have demonstrated conformity with the SCF, establishing the SCF CO as a trusted and compliant entity within the SCF CAP Ecosystem. SCF COs maintain their certification through ongoing compliance efforts, periodic assessments, and adherence to SCF standards.

**SCF Assessor and Instructor Certification Organization (SAICO)** governs the following aspects of the SCF CAP Ecosystem:

- **SCF Practitioner.** SCF Practitioners are SAICO-certified individuals who have the knowledge and skills to (1) Implement SCF controls that align with the SCF recommended practices and structure; and (2) Maintain an organization's cybersecurity and data protection program.
- **SCF Architect.** SCF Architects are SAICO-certified individuals who have advanced SCF-related knowledge and competence necessary to (1) Architect and design SCF-based cybersecurity and data protection programs that are capable of addressing the tactical, operational and strategic needs of the organization specific to its unique People, Processes, Technologies, Data and Facilities (PPTDF) considerations; (2) Assist SCF Practitioners with the implementation of SCF controls; and (3) Make adjustments to the cybersecurity and data protection programs to account for new and/or changed laws, regulations and frameworks that affect the PPTDF.
- **SCF Assessor.** SCF Assessors are SAICO-certified individuals who are (1) Qualified to participate in and/or lead a SCF Third-Party Assessment Organization's (3PAO's) assessment team to perform SCF Conformity Assessment Program (SCF CAP) assessments; and (2) Knowledgeable to analyze SCF controls to determine if the control is appropriate, properly implemented and produces the desired results to meet Assessment Objectives (AOs).
- **SCF Licensed Training Provider (SCF LTP).** SCF LTPs are SAICO-certified organizations that deliver a SAICO-approved individual-level certification training program using SCF Trainers.
- **SCF Trainer.** SCF Trainers are SAICO-certified individuals responsible for delivering initial and recurring SCF-based educational training for SAICO-approved individual-level certifications.

**SCF Connect** governs the following aspects of the SCF CAP Ecosystem:

- **Single Source of Truth (SSOT).** SCF Connect is a Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC) platform that is designated to be the SSOT for SCF-related 3PAAC activities. OSAs will be provided with an account on SCF Connect to prepare for and conduct its SCF CAP conformity assessment. SCF Connect is a SCF APP.
- **SCF Authorized Platform Partner (SCF APP).** SCF APPs are Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) platforms that specialize in integrating the SCF framework. SCF APPs facilitate seamless integration, accurate compliance interpretation, and structured risk management to ensure GRC tools effectively operationalize SCF compliance. By embedding SCF CAP best practices into data, risk, and compliance management workflows, SCF APPs reinforce a structured and scalable approach to SCF implementation within GRC environments, enhancing organizations' ability to manage risk and ensure cross-regulatory compliance effectively.

**SCF Council** governs the following aspects of the SCF CAP Ecosystem:

- **SCF CAP Body of Knowledge (SCF CAP BoK).** SCF CAP BoK describes SCF-related 3PAAC activities.
- **SCF CAP Assessment Guides.** SCF Assessment Guides provides Law, Regulation & Framework (LRF)-specific conformity assessment guidance for conducting SCF-related 3PAAC activities.
- **SCF Licensed Content Provider (SCF LCP).** SCF LCPs are entities authorized by SCF Council to create derivative content of the SCF, such as SCF-based policies, standards, procedures, etc. SCF LCPs play a critical role in ensuring quality control for documentation to help operationalize the SCF according to leading practices.