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What the New ACET Means for Your Next IT Exam

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A photograph of Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, lying in a river. He is wearing a green button-down shirt and has a knife strapped to his belt. He is smiling and gesturing with his hands. In the foreground, the head of a large crocodile is visible, resting on the sandy bank. The crocodile has a red tag attached to its left nostril. The water is greenish and shallow. The background shows the river flowing away.

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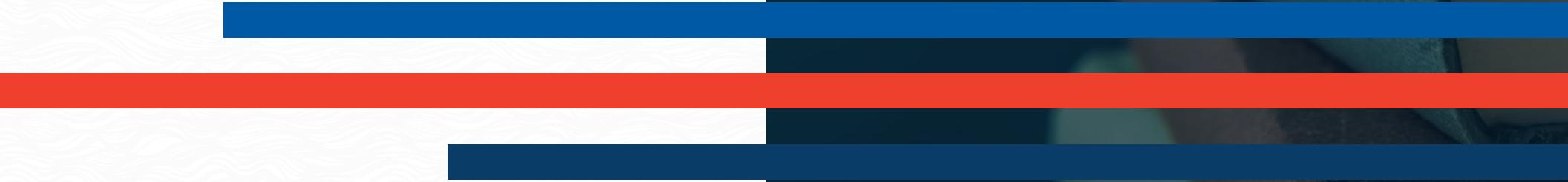
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Agenda

1. History, Definitions, Roles
2. Exam Expectations
3. ACET Application Options
4. Q & A



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Pop Quiz

What does the “E” stand for in ACET?

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UPDATED 2020 SUPERVISORY PRIORITIES (JULY)

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2021 SUPERVISORY PRIORITIES (JANUARY)

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“Credit unions, like all financial institutions, remain vulnerable to internal and external cybersecurity threats. Last year's interagency cybersecurity assessment conducted through the [FFIEC] found that many credit unions and banks are not taking basic cybersecurity actions.”



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AIRES Exam Software Information

The NCUA Examiners use our Automated Integrated Regulatory Examination System (AIRES) to complete examinations. AIRES is a combination of Visual Basic and Microsoft Excel, Access and Word Programs.

[AIRES Exam Questionnaires](#)

AIRES IT Exam Questionnaires - Several optional questionnaires are available to examiners reviewing a credit union's information technology. The questionnaires focus on Information Technology, Audit, and Member Services.

The AIRES file layout specifications are found in [Letter to Credit Unions 03-CU-05](#).

[Frequently Asked Questions for Share and Loan Record Layout](#)

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to the Office of Examination and Insurance (eimail@ncua.gov).

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

12 CFR Part 748

Guidelines for Safeguarding Member Information.

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The NCUA Board is modifying its security program requirements to include security of member information. Further, the NCUA Board is issuing "Guidelines for Safeguarding Member Information" to implement certain provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the GLB Act or Act).

The GLB Act requires the NCUA Board to establish appropriate standards for federally-insured credit unions relating to administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for member records and information. These safeguards are intended to: insure the security and confidentiality of member records and information; protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such records; and protect against unauthorized access to or use of such records or information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any member.

DATES: This rule is effective July 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Biliouris, Information Systems Officer, Office of Examination and Insurance, at the above address or telephone (703) 518-6360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The contents of this preamble are listed in the following outline:

- I. Background
- II. Overview of Comments Received
- III. Section-by-Section Analysis
- IV. Regulatory Procedures
 - A. Paperwork Reduction Act
 - B. Regulatory Flexibility Act
 - C. Executive Order 13132
 - D. Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 1999
 - E. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act
- V. Agency Regulatory Goal

12 CFR PART 748

Guidelines for Safeguarding Member Information

Read the Guidance at

https://www.ffiec.gov/exam/infobase/documents/02-ncu-12_cfr_748_app_a_safeguard_info-010100.pdf

Instructions

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Required - RFE FCU & FISCU Exams > \$250 Million and have not previously received an ACET Review

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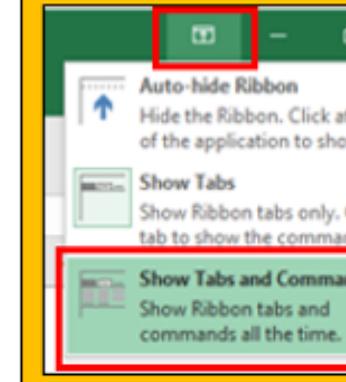
Required - SCUEP FCU Exams & Baseline - Non SCUEP FCU Exams

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Additional**Use?**[IC - Wire Transfers](#)[ID Theft Red Flag Procedures](#)[Inv - Accounting Con](#)[Inv - Cash Forward](#)[Inv - CDs](#)[Inv - Controls](#)[Inv - Counter-Party Risk](#)[Inv - Derivatives](#)[Inv - Fed Funds](#)[Inv - IRPS 98-2](#)[Inv - Mutual Funds](#)[Inv - Repurchase](#)[Inv - Reverse Repo](#)[Inv - Safekeeping, B-D, Inv Adv](#)[Inv - SBA](#)[Inv - Securities Lending](#)[IT - 748A Items Needed](#)[IT - Website & E-banking](#)[Liquidity](#)[Ln - Agricultural - IC](#)[Ln - ARM - IC](#)[Ln - Business Loans - IC](#)[Ln - Collections - IC](#)[Ln - Construction - IC](#)[Ln - Credit Cards - IC](#)**Additional****Use?**[Ln - Reg B - ECOA](#)[Ln - Reg C - HMDA](#)[Ln - Reg M - Leasing](#)[Ln - Reg X - RESPA](#)[Ln - Reg Z - TILA](#)[Ln - Reg Z - TILA - RESPA](#)[Ln - SBA](#)[Ln - SCRA](#)[Ln - Sub-Prime Lending - IC](#)[Non-Maturity Shares](#)[NWRP](#)[OFAC](#)[Physical Security](#)[Privacy](#)[Remote Dep Capture Procedures](#)[SAFE Act](#)[Sh - Controls](#)[Sh - IC](#)[Sh - Reg CC - Funds Avail](#)[Sh - Reg D - Reserve](#)[Sh - Reg E - EFT](#)[Sh - Share Drafts - IC](#)[Sh - TISA - Truth in Savings](#)[Third Party Relationships](#)[UIGEA Procedures](#)

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IT - 748A Items Needed				
<p>Comment to the Credit Union: This is a list of items needed for the IT review. Applicable items requested for this review are indicated with a "Yes". All items should be available at the start of the examination. Please number the items to correspond with the numbering system below, provide electronic versions of documents or reports, and include the lead contact person and phone number in the comment box. If an item is unavailable, please state why in the comment box.</p>				
5	Description	Yes/No	Comments	
6	1 Provide evidence of board involvement with the Information Security Program (ISP), for example: (1) approval of ISP; (2) Management Reports submitted to the board in the past year; and (3) technology committee minutes. (R&R 748 Appendix A III A)			
7	2 Provide copies of the last 2 reports presented to the Board of Directors on the <u>overall status</u> of your information security program. (R&R 748 Appendix A III F)			
8	3 Provide a current copy of your Risk Assessment and changes to this assessment within the last year. (R&R 748 Appendix A III B)			
9	4 Provide copies of IT audits and assessments conducted since the last examination as evidence of testing of key controls, systems, and operating procedures. (R&R 748 Appendix A III C)			
10	5 Provide a copy of your Information Security Program (R&R 748 Appendix A III C 1) and all applicable/related procedures not specifically requested below.			
11	5a Provide, as applicable, policies, procedures, or operating standards/guidelines that indicate how access controls are designed to be an effective control mechanism. (R&R 748 Appendix A III C 1.a)			
	5b Provide, as applicable, policies, procedures, or			

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IT - 748A Items Needed

IT - Website & E-banking

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IT - 748A Information Security					
<p>INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE</p>					
<p>REGULATORY REFERENCES</p>					
6	Part 748 Appendix A - Information Security.	Yes/No/NA	Comment		
7	1 Does the credit union have documented policies and procedures to address the implementation and ongoing management of the information security program?				
8	1a Is the board of directors, or an appropriate board committee, involved in developing and implementing the Member Information Security Program? (III. A)				
9	2 Does management report to the board of directors, at least annually, on the <u>overall</u> status of the information security program and compliance with Part 748, Appendix A and B guidelines? (III. F)				
10	3 Does the credit union have a documented risk assessment process that is <u>updated annually</u> ? (III. B)				
11	4 Are key controls, systems, and operating procedures for the information security program regularly tested? (III. C. 3)				
12	5 Does the information security program address each of the following: (III. C. 1)				
13	5a Electronic access controls on member information systems. (III. C. 1.a)				
14	5b Physical access controls to facilities and equipment where data files and archives of member information are maintained. (III. C. 1.b)				
15	5c Encryption of electronic member information either in transit or storage where unauthorized individuals may gain access. (III. C. 1.c)				
16	5d Change control and update procedures designed to ensure system and/or software modifications are consistent with the credit union's information security program. (III. C. 1.d)				
	5e Dual control procedures, segregation of duties, and				

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rises, an institution's maturity levels should increase. An institution's inherent risk profile and maturity levels will change over time as threats, vulnerabilities, and operational environments change. Thus, management should consider reevaluating its inherent risk profile and cybersecurity maturity periodically and when planned changes can affect its inherent risk profile (e.g., launching new products or services, new connections).

Table 3: Risk/Maturity Relationship

		Inherent Risk Levels				
		Least	Minimal	Moderate	Significant	Most
Cybersecurity Maturity Level for Each Domain	Innovative					
	Advanced					
	Intermediate					
	Evolving					
	Baseline					

If management determines that the institution's maturity levels are not appropriate in relation to the inherent risk profile, management should consider reducing inherent risk or developing a strategy to improve the maturity levels. This process includes

- determining target maturity levels.
- conducting a gap analysis.
- prioritizing and planning actions.
- implementing changes.
- reevaluating over time.
- communicating the results.

Management can set target maturity levels for each domain or across domains based on the institution's business objectives and risk appetite. Management can conduct a gap analysis between the current and target maturity levels and initiate improvements based on the gaps. Each declarative statement can represent a range of strategies and processes that have enterprise-wide impact. For example, declarative statements not yet attained provide insights for policies, processes, procedures, and controls that may improve risk management in relation to a specific risk or the institution's overall cybersecurity preparedness.

Using the maturity levels in each domain, management can identify potential actions that would increase the institution's overall cybersecurity preparedness. Management can review declarative statements at maturity levels beyond what the institution has achieved to determine the actions needed to reach the next level and implement changes to address gaps. Management's periodic

FFIEC

Cybersecurity Assessment Tool

A Self Assessment

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<https://www.ffiec.gov/cyberassessmenttool.htm>

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EXAM TOPIC F

2001 – 2017



2015-2017



2016

“In June 2015, NCUA released a Cybersecurity Assessment Tool [CAT] jointly with the other member agencies of the [FFIEC]. The tool provides a structured methodology for credit unions to manage information security [...] Credit unions can use this tool to enhance their cybersecurity preparedness. NCUA encourages all credit unions to use the FFIEC tool to manage cybersecurity risks. NCUA also plans to begin incorporating the [CAT] into our examination process in the second half of 2016.”

2017

“We encourage credit unions to use [CAT] to bolster their security and risk management processes. This tool was issued jointly with the other member agencies of the [FFIEC]. NCUA plans to increase our emphasis on cybersecurity by enhancing the examination focus with a structured assessment process. We anticipate completing this process by late 2017, and will keep credit union system stakeholders informed as changes occur.”

2018

“In 2018, the NCUA will begin implementing the Automated Cybersecurity Examination Tool (ACET) to improve and standardize supervision related to cybersecurity. The ACET provides the NCUA with a repeatable, measurable and transparent process for assessing the level of cyber preparedness across federally insured institutions. [] It also aligns with the [CAT] developed by the FFIEC for voluntary use by banks and [CUs]. Therefore, we encourage [CUs] to continue to self-assess their cybersecurity and risk management practices using the [CAT] if they do not have an alternative method of assessment.

The NCUA will begin using the ACET in examinations of [CUs] with over \$1 billion in assets. This will allow the NCUA to create a baseline for the cybersecurity maturity level of the largest and most complex institutions, while we continue to test and refine the ACET through 2018 to ensure it scales properly for smaller, less complex institutions.”

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Stmt. #	Domain	Assessment Factor	Component	Maturity Level	CAT Declarative Statement	Yes/Yes(C)/No
1	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Designated members of management are held accountable by the board or an appropriate board committee for implementing and managing the information security and business continuity programs.	Yes
2	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Information security risks are discussed in management meetings when prompted by highly visible cyber events or regulatory alerts.	Yes
3	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Management provides a written report on the overall status of the information security and business continuity programs to the board or an appropriate board committee at least annually.	Yes
4	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	The budgeting process includes information security related expenses and tools.	Yes
5	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Management considers the risks posed by other critical infrastructures (e.g., telecommunications, energy) to the institution.	Yes
6	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	At least annually, the board or an appropriate board committee reviews and approves the institution's cybersecurity program.	Yes
7	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	Management is responsible for ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to cybersecurity.	Yes
8	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	Cybersecurity tools and staff are requested through the budget process.	Yes
9	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	There is a process to formally discuss and estimate potential expenses associated with cybersecurity incidents as part of the budgeting process.	No
10	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The board or an appropriate board committee has cybersecurity expertise or engages experts to assist with oversight responsibilities.	No
11	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The standard board meeting package includes reports and metrics that go beyond events and incidents to address threat intelligence trends and the institution's security posture.	No
12	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The institution has a cyber risk appetite statement approved by the board or an appropriate board committee.	No
13	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	Cyber risks that exceed the risk appetite are escalated to management.	No

Automated Cybersecurity Examination Tool (ACE_xT)

An examination tool combining CAT and a document request list

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2019

“Examiners will continue conducting information security maturity assessments with the Automated Cybersecurity Examination Toolbox (ACET). Examiners will use the ACET to assess credit unions with over \$250 million in assets that have not previously received an assessment.”

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“In 2018, the NCUA began using the Automated Cybersecurity Examination Tool [ACET] to assess credit unions' cybersecurity maturity.

The NCUA collaborated with the [DHS & INL] to create an **updated client/server version of the ACET** that is being **fully deployed in 2020**. Credit unions will be able to complete **self-assessments** through access to the **new ACET** on NCUA's website in early 2020.

Starting in 2022, the agency will refresh the maturity assessments [...] resulting in a refresh cycle of once every four years. In addition to the ACET, the NCUA will be **piloting new procedures in 2020** to evaluate critical security controls during examinations between maturity assessments.”



“The NCUA has transitioned its priority from performing Automated Cybersecurity Examination Tool (ACEExT) cybersecurity maturity assessments, to evaluating critical security controls. The NCUA is also piloting an Information Technology Risk Examination solution for Credit Unions (InTREx-CU). InTREx-CU harmonizes the IT and Cybersecurity examination procedures shared by [other] regulators to ensure consistent approaches are applied to community financial institutions. The InTREx-CU will be deployed to identify gaps in security safeguards, allowing examiners and credit unions to identify and remediate potential high-risk areas through the identification of critical information security program deficiencies as represented by an array of critical security controls and practices.”

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1	#	Document Request
2	IT 01	Provide the IT Audit risk assessment, and any other related supporting documentation.
3	IT 02	Provide the audit schedule and documentation demonstrating the board or committee approve the audit schedule.
4	IT 03	Provide all IT Audit reports and/or results from independent IT control testing conducted in the last 12 months
5	IT 04	Provide reports and meeting minutes presented to the board or committee demonstrating the types of reports and information presented by Audit. Additionally, an org chart depicting the full reporting structure of all audit staff.
6	IT 05	Provide documentation/reports supporting the process used by Audit/Supervisory Committee to manage and monitor IT Audit findings.
7	IT 06	Provide the formal Information Security Program/Policy and all other supporting Policies/Procedures/Practices; such as; policies/procedures addressing acceptable use, business continuity, access controls, electronic funds transfer, remote access, bring your own device (BYOD),
8	IT 07	Provide the most current Annual Report to the Board regarding regarding the overall status of the Information Security Program
9	IT 08	Provide Organizational Chart depicting all IT Security and IT Operations staff and positions.
10	IT 09	Provide documentation demonstrating how management resolves and monitors corrective actions noted within IT examination reports, audits, service provider/vendor reviews, and internal reviews (e.g., disaster recovery, incident response, penetration testing, cybersecurity tests).
11	IT 10	Provide the results and documentation supporting the information security risk assessment.
12	IT 11	Provide results from all security awareness training activities provided to staff and customers/members in the last 12 months.

InTREx-CU

Information Technology Risk Examination for Credit Unions

Read more at

<https://tandem.app/blog/how-intrex-cu-will-affect-your-2022-ncua-exam>

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“As cited in the NCUA's updated supervisory priorities for 2020, the agency has reprioritized away from performing facilitated Automated Cybersecurity Evaluation Toolbox (ACET) cybersecurity maturity assessments, to piloting the Information Technology Risk Examination for Credit Unions (InTREx-CU). InTREx-CU harmonizes the IT and cybersecurity examination procedures shared by [other] regulators. This establishes a consistent approach across all community-based financial institutions. The InTREx-CU will continue to be deployed in 2021, allowing examiners and credit unions to identify and remediate potential high-risk areas by identifying critical information security program deficiencies. ACEvT will become a self-assessment resource for credit unions, supported by the NCUA.”

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This letter provides important updates regarding the NCUA's recent technology modernization efforts and outlines the implementation of key software tools.

In August, the NCUA will begin transitioning to several new modernized applications, which are listed below. [...] Modern Examination & Risk Identification Tool (MERIT).



LEARN MORE

<https://www.ncua.gov/regulation-supervision/examination-modernization-initiatives/enterprise-solution-modernization-program/modern-examination-risk-identification-tool>



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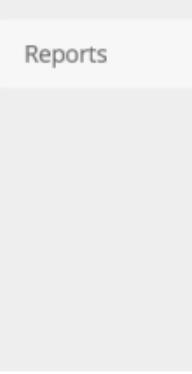
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The Respond to Surveys page includes information on open and closed surveys. For open surveys, users can view a list of survey requests, open and responses from the "Reports" menu

Respond to Survey

Survey	Type	Requested By	Request Date
Risk - Indirect Loans - 08/24/2020	RFE - Credit	Survey	08/24/2020



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My Prior Responses

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1. Credit Risk - Indirect 1 - Monitoring/reporting occurring since the last examination.

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1. [Credit Risk - Indirect 1 - Monitoring/reporting occurring since the last examination. \(0/1\)](#)

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ACET and Other Assessment Tools



The NCUA's ACET (Automated Cybersecurity Evaluation Toolbox) application provides credit unions the capability to conduct a maturity assessment aligned with the Federal Financial Information Council's (FFIEC) Cybersecurity Assessment Tool. Using the assessment within the toolbox allows institutions of all sizes to easily determine and measure their own cybersecurity preparedness over time.

The ACET self-assessment is completely voluntary and does not introduce any new requirements or expectations on credit unions. It is simply a tool that allows credit unions to identify and determine their levels of cybersecurity preparedness.

Using the Toolbox to conduct assessments on a regular basis may help institutions to:

Is there a cost to downloading, installing, and using the ACET Toolbox application?

Are credit unions required to complete the ACET maturity assessment?

Does the ACET maturity assessment replace the risk assessment process outlined in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) Guidelines?

Is the ACET maturity assessment the IT examination?

Are examiners able to assist credit unions in completing the ACET maturity assessment?

What value does the ACET maturity assessment module provide to credit unions?

How do I use the ACET maturity assessment within the Toolbox?

Where is information collected from the ACET maturity assessment stored?

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Local Installation

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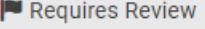
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Stmt 1  Designated members of management are held accountable by the board or an appropriate board committee for implementing and managing the information security and business continuity programs.

Yes **No** **NA** **Yes(C)** 

     **Reviewed**

Stmt 2  Information security risks are discussed in

Yes **No** **NA** **Yes(C)** 

Sample ACEvt Local App

**STATEMENT FROM NCUA REPRESENTATIVE
DURING ACET WEBINAR ON 10/28/21**

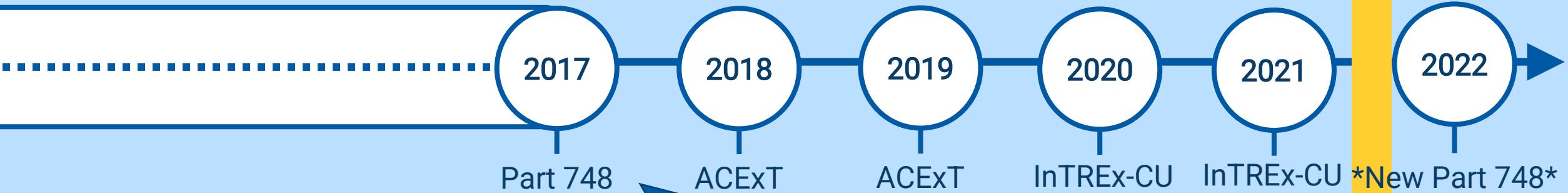
InTREx-CU will not be a permanent examination solution. Instead, results from InTREx-CU exams will be used to improve the existing examination program. The updated Part 748 exam program will be used starting in September 2022.

2022

“The NCUA continues to develop updated information security examination procedures that are tailored to institutions of varying size and complexity. These procedures will continue to be piloted in 2022, with the goal of having them finalized in 2022.

In October 2021, the NCUA released the Automated Cybersecurity Evaluation Toolbox (ACET) application, which provides credit unions the capability to conduct a maturity assessment aligned with the [FFIEC] Cybersecurity Assessment Tool. Using the assessment within the ACET allows institutions of all sizes to determine and measure their cybersecurity preparedness. The ACET is entirely voluntary and does not introduce any new requirements or expectations on credit unions.”

EXAM PROCEDURES



CYBER SELF ASSESSMENT



TODAY

EXAM PLATFORM

AIRES

Separate
Spreadsheet

MERIT

MERIT EXAM WEB APPLICATION

EXAM TOPIC A

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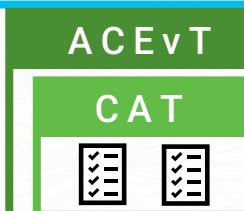
EXAM TOPIC D

NEW PART 748

DRL

EXAM TOPIC F

By end of 2022



What to Expect in Your 2022 Exam

EXAM PLATFORM

EXPECT to have your exam conducted using the **MERIT** web application.

Do not expect to have your exam conducted using the **AIRES** spreadsheet.

EXAM PROCEDURES

EXPECT to have your exam conducted using the traditional **Part 748** exam procedures until, probably, end of 2022 where there will be a **NEW** Part 748 version.

Do not expect to have your exam conducted using **ACEt** or **InTREx-CU**.
Exception: if you are scheduled to be examined by a RISO, they may use InTREx-CU.

CYBER SELF ASSESSMENT

EXPECT to have the NCUA *recommend* you complete a **cybersecurity self-assessment** (with ACEvT or similar tool) to measure your cybersecurity maturity.

Do not expect to have the NCUA ask you for the **results** of any CAT assessment as part of your exam.

How Tandem Addresses These Expectations

FAQ

Will Tandem offer a Document Request list feature for the new IT 748 exam?

Maybe, if use of the MERIT application proves difficult and us building a tool will help our Credit Unions.

ACEvT Application Options



ACExT
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Feature Comparison	NCUA's ACExT Spreadsheet	NCUA's ACEvT Local App	Tandem's Cybersecurity Web App
Price	Free	Free	Free
Data management	Locally stored	Locally installed	SAAS
Data Backup	not provided	not provided	Provided
Includes All FFIEC CAT Questions	✓	✓	✓
Mirrors FFIEC CAT Answer Options	✓		✓
Download results in the ACExT Format	✓		✓
Guidance and NCUA Commentary	✓	✓	✓
A downloadable Report to the Board		✓	✓
Gap Reporting		✓	✓
Optional Peer Analysis			✓
Reports Branded for your Organization			✓
Built for Optimum Screen Usage			✓
Keyboard shortcut to answer questions			✓
Easy-to-Read Reports for Board of Directors			✓

Tandem Cybersecurity Pro Features

- Custom User Responsibility and Notifications
- Filter Peer Data by Asset Size
- Download Peer Data
- File attachments
- Flag questions for follow up at a later time
- Revision/Approval Log
- Trend Reporting
- Copy to New
- And more



Sample ACEX Spreadsheet

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A1 : Item

Item	Activities / Services / Products	Risk Levels					Response	Validation Approaches	Comments
		1 - Least	2 - Minimal	3 - Moderate	4 - Significant	5 - Most			
3 Technologies and Connection Types									
1	Total number of Internet service provider (ISP) connections (including branch connections)	No connections	Minimal complexity (1-20 connections)	Moderate complexity (21-100 connections)	Significant complexity (101-200 connections)	Substantial complexity (>200 connections)	2	Review the network topology diagrams to confirm the number of (ISP) connections with the appropriate staff (DRL 28).	We have 10 a
2	Unsecured external connections, number of connections not users (e.g., file transfer protocol (FTP), Telnet, rlogin)	None	Few instances of unsecured connections (1-5)	Several instances of unsecured connections (6-10)	Significant instances of unsecured connections (11-25)	Substantial instances of unsecured connections (>25)	1	Review the network topology diagram(s) for external connections (DRL 28). If external connections are not clearly denoted in the network diagram(s) discuss the existence of external connections with management in order to identify if there are any that are unsecured.	
3	Wireless network access	No wireless access	Separate access points for guest wireless and corporate wireless	Guest and corporate wireless network access; significant number of users and access points (251-1,000 users; 26-100 access points)	Wireless corporate network access; all employees have access; substantial number of access points (>1,000 users; >100 access points)	Wireless corporate network access; all employees have access; substantial number of access points (>1,000 users; >100 access points)	1	Review the network diagrams for all existing wireless access points (DRL 28b).	
4	Personal devices allowed to connect to the corporate network	None	Only one device type available; available to <5% of employees (staff, executives, managers); e-mail access only	Multiple device types used; available to <10% of employees (staff, executives, managers) and board; e-mail access only	Multiple device types used; available to <25% of authorized employees (staff, executives, managers) and board; e-mail and some applications accessed	Any device type used; available to >25% of employees (staff, executives, managers) and board; all applications accessed	1	Review list of non-owned CU devices that access the network (DRL 22).	
5	Third parties, including number of organizations and number of individuals from vendors and subcontractors, with access to internal systems (e.g., virtual private network, modem, intranet, direct connection)	No third parties and no individuals from third parties with access to systems	Limited number of third parties (1-5) and limited number of individuals from third parties (<50) with access; low complexity in how they access systems	Moderate number of third parties (6-10) and significant number of individuals from third parties (50-500) with access; some complexity in how they access systems	Significant number of third parties (11-25) and substantial number of individuals from third parties (501-1,500) with access; high level of complexity in terms of how they access systems	Substantial number of third parties (>25) and substantial number of individuals from third parties (>1,500) with access; high complexity in how they access systems	4	Review the listing of third-party service providers and the number of their employees (DRL 27a). Discuss with management the complexity (Security of the connection) with which third parties access credit union systems.	
6	Wholesale customers with dedicated connections	None	Few dedicated connections (between 1-5)	Several dedicated connections (between 6-10)	Significant number of dedicated connections (between 11-25)	Substantial number of dedicated connections (>25)	4	Review the network diagram(s) to determine if the institution identifies dedicated connections (DRL 28). Discuss with management the nature and business need for these connections.	
7	Internally hosted and developed or modified vendor applications supporting critical activities	No applications	Few applications (between 1-5)	Several applications (between 6-10)	Significant number of applications (between 11-25)	Substantial number of applications and complexity (>25)	2	Review the inventory of internally developed software, applications, or technologies (DRL 22). Discuss with management which are internally hosted, professionally developed	

Sample ACEXT Spreadsheet

CAT Declarative Statement							Yes/Yes(C)/No	Comment [RE]
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	Stmt. #	Domain	Assessment Factor	Component	Maturity Level	CAT Declarative Statement	Yes/Yes(C)/No	Comment [RE]
1	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Designated members of management are held accountable by the board or an appropriate board committee for implementing and managing the information security and business continuity programs.			Yes
2	2	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Information security risks are discussed in management meetings when prompted by highly visible cyber events or regulatory alerts.	Yes	
3	3	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Management provides a written report on the overall status of the information security and business continuity programs to the board or an appropriate board committee at least annually.	Yes	
4	4	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	The budgeting process includes information security related expenses and tools.	Yes	
5	5	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Baseline	Management considers the risks posed by other critical infrastructures (e.g., telecommunications, energy) to the institution.	Yes	
6	6	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	At least annually, the board or an appropriate board committee reviews and approves the institution's cybersecurity program.	Yes	
7	7	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	Management is responsible for ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to cybersecurity.	No	
8	8	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	Cybersecurity tools and staff are requested through the budget process.	Yes	
9	9	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Evolving	There is a process to formally discuss and estimate potential expenses associated with cybersecurity incidents as part of the budgeting process.	Yes	
10	10	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The board or an appropriate board committee has cybersecurity expertise or engages experts to assist with oversight responsibilities.	Yes	
11	11	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The standard board meeting package includes reports and metrics that go beyond events and incidents to address threat intelligence trends and the institution's security posture.	Yes	
12	12	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The institution has a cyber risk appetite statement approved by the board or an appropriate board committee.	Yes	
13	13	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	Cyber risks that exceed the risk appetite are escalated to management.	Yes	
14	14	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The board or an appropriate board committee ensures management's annual cybersecurity self-assessment evaluates the institution's ability to meet its cyber risk management standards.	Yes	
15	15	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The board or an appropriate board committee reviews and approves management's prioritization and resource allocation decisions based on the results of the cyber assessments.	Yes	
16	16	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The board or an appropriate board committee ensures management takes appropriate actions to address changing cyber risks or significant cybersecurity issues.	Yes	
17	17	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Intermediate	The budget process for requesting additional cybersecurity staff and tools is integrated into business units' budget processes.	Yes	
18	18	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Advanced	The board or board committee approved cyber risk appetite statement is part of the enterprise-wide risk appetite statement.	Yes	
19	19	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	1: Governance	1: Oversight	Advanced	Management has a formal process to continuously improve cybersecurity oversight.	No	

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Init
1	Return to Dashboard									
2	Domain	Domain Maturity	Assessment Factor	Assessment Factor Maturity	Component	Baseline	Evolving	Intermediate	Advanced	Init
3	1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	Baseline	1: Governance	Baseline	1: Oversight	100%	75%	100%	83%	
4			2: Risk Management		2: Strategy / Policies	100%	100%	100%	20%	
5			3: Resources	Intermediate	3: IT Asset Management	100%	100%	100%	75%	
6			4: Training & Culture		1: Risk Management Program	100%	100%	100%	100%	
7			2: Threat Intelligence & Collaboration	Evolving	2: Risk Assessment	100%	100%	100%	100%	
8			3: Monitoring & Analyzing		3: Audit	100%	100%	100%	0%	
9			3: Information Sharing		1: Staffing	100%	100%	100%	0%	
10			1: Threat Intelligence	Evolving	1: Training	100%	100%	100%	0%	
11			2: Monitoring & Analyzing		2: Culture	100%	100%	100%	0%	
12			3: Information Sharing		1: Threat Intelligence and Information	100%	100%	67%	67%	
13	3: Cybersecurity Controls	Evolving	1: Preventative Controls	Evolving	1: Monitoring and Analyzing	100%	100%	100%	20%	
14			2: Detective Controls		1: Information Sharing	100%	100%	100%	33%	
15			3: Corrective Controls		1: Infrastructure Management	100%	100%	83%	100%	
16			1: Connections		2: Access and Data Management	100%	100%	100%	50%	
17			2: Relationship Management	Evolving	3: Device / End-Point Security	100%	100%	100%	100%	
18			3: Escalation and Reporting		4: Secure Coding	100%	100%	75%	0%	
19			1: Incident Resilience Planning and Strategy	Innovative	1: Threat and Vulnerability Detection	100%	100%	50%	0%	
20			2: Detection, Response, and Mitigation		2: Anomalous Activity Detection	100%	100%	83%	80%	
21			3: Escalation and Reporting		3: Event Detection	100%	100%	67%	25%	
22	4: External Dependency Management	Evolving	1: Connections	Evolving	1: Patch Management	100%	100%	100%	50%	
23			2: Relationship Management		2: Remediation	100%	100%	83%	0%	
24			3: Escalation and Reporting		1: Connections	100%	100%	75%	100%	
25			1: Connections		1: Due Diligence	100%	100%	50%	100%	
26			2: Relationship Management	Evolving	2: Contracts	100%	100%	0%	100%	
27			3: Escalation and Reporting		3: Ongoing Monitoring	100%	100%	50%	100%	
28			1: Incident Resilience Planning and Strategy	Innovative	1: Planning	100%	100%	100%	100%	
29			2: Detection, Response, and Mitigation		2: Testing	100%	100%	100%	100%	
30			3: Escalation and Reporting		1: Detection	100%	100%	100%	100%	
31	5: Cyber Incident Management and Resilience	Intermediate	2: Response and Mitigation	Intermediate	2: Response and Mitigation	100%	100%	100%	33%	
32			1: Escalation and Reporting		1: Escalation and Reporting	100%	100%	100%	100%	
33			2: Response and Mitigation		2: Response and Mitigation	100%	100%	100%	100%	
200			1: Escalation and Reporting		1: Escalation and Reporting	100%	100%	100%	100%	
201			2: Response and Mitigation		2: Response and Mitigation	100%	100%	100%	100%	
202			1: Escalation and Reporting		1: Escalation and Reporting	100%	100%	100%	100%	
203			2: Response and Mitigation		2: Response and Mitigation	100%	100%	100%	100%	
204			1: Escalation and Reporting		1: Escalation and Reporting	100%	100%	100%	100%	
205			2: Response and Mitigation		2: Response and Mitigation	100%	100%	100%	100%	

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A1 : x ✓ fx Automated Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (ACET) Version 1.0

Automated Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (ACET) Version 1.0										
Exam Preparation				Credit Union Name:		Tandem Financial				
Administrative Tab (Admin)				Charter:						
Document Request List (DRL)				Assets:						
				Hours:		0.0				
Inherent Risk Profile (IRP)										
Category		Inherent Risk		Total Items		Risk Level				
Technologies and Connection Types		1	2	3	4	5	2 - Minimal			
Delivery Channels		0	0	0	1	2	5 - Most			
Online/Mobile Products and Technology Services		2	2	5	2	3	3 - Moderate			
Organizational Characteristics		2	2	1	2	0	4 - Significant			
External Threats		1	0	0	0	0	1 - Least			
Total		12	7	7	8	5	39 Complete			
Note: You must assign risk levels for each category based on the risk ratings tabulated from the IRP worksheet.										
Cybersecurity Maturity										
Domain		Maturity Level		Click here to see detail						
Domain 1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight		Baseline								
Domain 2: Threat Intelligence & Collaboration		Evolving								
Domain 3: Cybersecurity Controls		Evolving								
Domain 4: External Dependency Management		Evolving								
Domain 5: Cyber Incident Management and Resilience		Intermediate								
Note: The maturity levels are automatically calculated based on the responses in the Domain worksheets.										
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31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	

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New Assessment Import Export All to Excel

Assessment Name	Last Modified	Primary Assessor	Status	Remove	Export
ACET 55555 CoNetrix DBA Tandem Financial etc. 102821	06-Jan-2022	[REDACTED]	Needs Review	 Remove	 Export
ACET 00000 CoNetrix 120621	06-Dec-2021	[REDACTED]		 Remove	 Export

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Prepare Assessment Results

2. Unsecured external connections, number of connections not users (e.g., file transfer protocol (FTP), Telnet, rlogin)

Risk Levels

1	None
2	Few instances of unsecured connections (1–5)
3	Several instances of unsecured connections (6–10)
4	Significant instances of unsecured connections (11–25)
5	Substantial instances of unsecured connections (>25)

This total should include all connections using unsecure connection protocols (e.g., Telnet and file transfer protocol (FTP)) with external parties. The primary focus is on Internet-accessible devices.

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Inherent Risk Profile Summary

Category	Inherent Risk				
	1	2	3	4	5
Technologies and Connection Types	2	6	5	1	0
Delivery Channels	1	2	0	0	0
Online/Mobile Products and Technology Services	5	6	3	0	0
Organizational Characteristics	0	5	2	0	0
External Threats	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	8	20	10	1	0

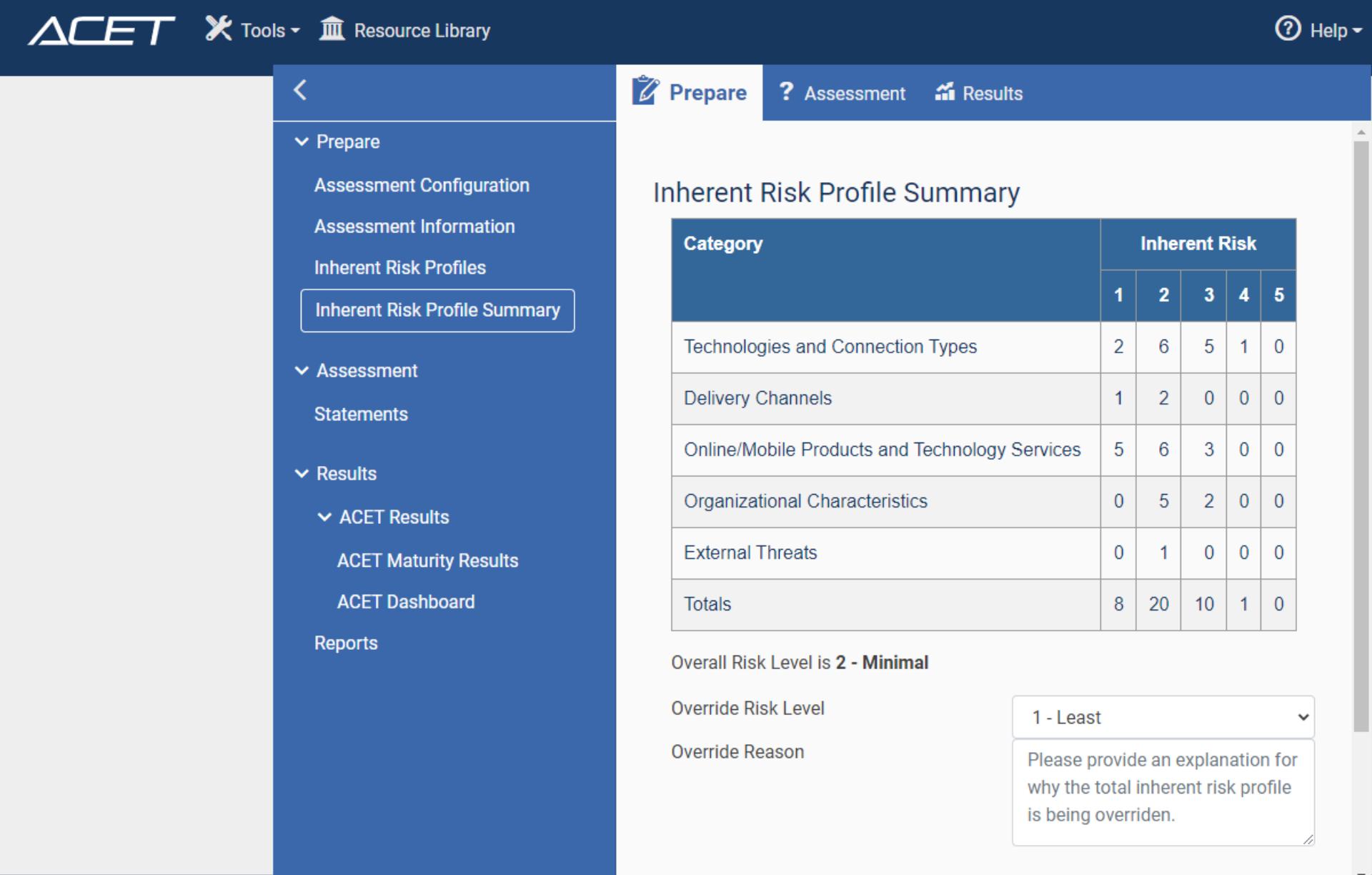
Overall Risk Level is 2 - Minimal

Override Risk Level

Override Reason

1 - Least

Please provide an explanation for why the total inherent risk profile is being overridden.



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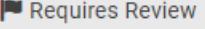
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Baseline Evolving Intermediate Advanced Innovative

Cyber Risk Management & Oversight

Governance

Oversight  

Stmt 1  Designated members of management are held accountable by the board or an appropriate board committee for implementing and managing the information security and business continuity programs.

Yes **No** **NA** **Yes(C)** 

     **Reviewed**

Stmt 2  Information security risks are discussed in

Yes **No** **NA** **Yes(C)** 

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ACET Maturity Results

IRP: Least Target Maturity Range: Baseline - Evolving

Domain

Cyber Risk Management & Oversight Actual Level: Ad Hoc

Assessment Factor

Governance Ad Hoc

Components

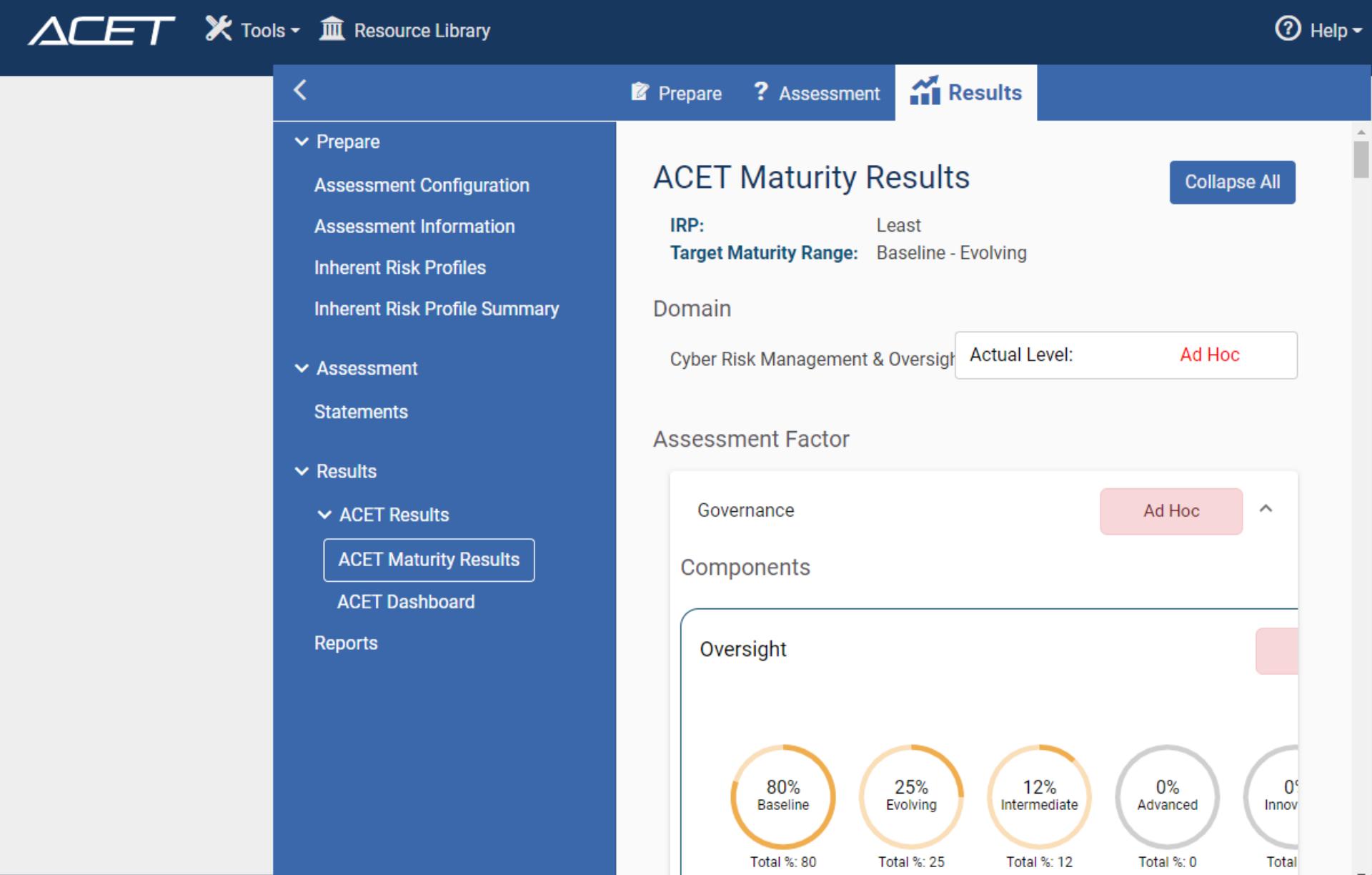
Oversight

Category	Level	Total %	Current %
Oversight	Baseline	80	80
	Evolving	25	25
	Intermediate	12	12
	Advanced	0	0
	Innovative	0	0

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Override Reason: Cybersecurity Maturity

Domain	Maturity Level
Domain 1: Cyber Risk Management & Oversight	Ad Hoc
Domain 2: Threat Intelligence & Collaboration	Baseline
Domain 3: Cybersecurity Controls	Ad Hoc
Domain 4: External Dependency Management	Baseline
Domain 5: Cyber Incident Management and Resilience	Baseline

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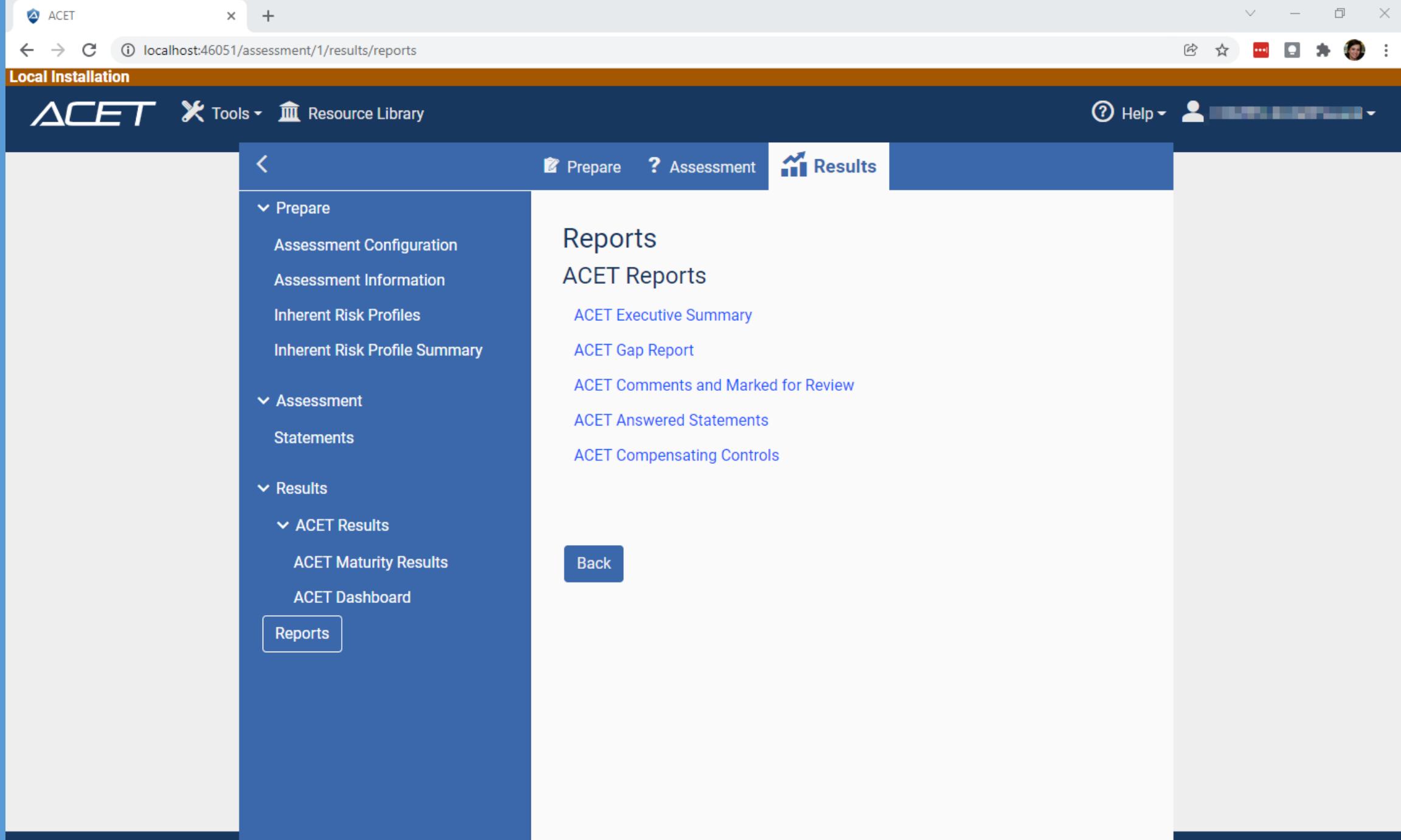
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Gap Report - ACET

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Gap Report - ACET

This gap report lists the statements that are answered "No".

This is often referred to as the GAP Report. This report intends to list the gaps, assist users of the report in identifying gaps, prioritizing work, and beginning to make a plan to address the gaps by implementing the controls.

The percentage gap in each domain is also listed and will help to determine the priority. ACET is a cumulative maturity model meaning lower levels should be completed before moving to higher levels. Ideally baseline should be completed before focusing efforts on controls in evolving and so forth up the line of maturity levels.

Gaps Marked for Review - 1

Cyber Risk Management & Oversight - Domain		
Governance - Assessment Factor		
Oversight - Component		
Stmt 4	The budgeting process includes information security related expenses and tools.	No
Stmt 6	At least annually, the board or an appropriate board committee reviews and approves the institution's cybersecurity program.	No
Stmt 8	Cybersecurity tools and staff are requested through the budget process.	No
Stmt 9	There is a process to formally discuss and estimate potential expenses associated with cybersecurity incidents as part of the budgeting process.	No

IT Asset Management - Component		
Stmt 48	Organizational assets (e.g., hardware, systems, data, and applications) are prioritized for protection based on the data classification and business value.	No
Stmt 50	A change management process is in place to request and approve changes to systems configurations, hardware, software, applications, and security tools.	No

Resources - Assessment Factor		
Staffing - Component		
Stmt 111	Management with appropriate knowledge and experience leads the institution's cybersecurity efforts.	No
Stmt 113	Employment candidates, contractors, and third parties are subject to background verification proportional to the confidentiality of the data accessed, business requirements, and acceptable risk.	No

Training and Culture - Assessment Factor		
Training - Component		

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The screenshot shows a web browser window for the ACET application. The URL is `localhost:46051/assessment/1/results/reports`. The page title is "Local Installation". The top navigation bar includes the ACET logo, a "Tools" dropdown, a "Resource Library" link, a "Help" link, and a user profile icon. The main menu on the left has "REPORTS" as the active item, with sub-options: "Parameter Editor", "Export Assessment to Excel", "Export ACET to Excel", "Import Modules", and "Module Builder". The main content area is titled "Reports" and "ACET Reports". It lists several report types: "ACET Executive Summary", "ACET Gap Report", "ACET Comments and Marked for Review", "ACET Answered Statements", and "ACET Compensating Controls". A "Back" button is located at the bottom left of the content area. The footer of the page includes the Tandem logo.

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1	Mat_Ques	Question	Question_Supplemental	Maturity_Sequence	Maturity	Parent_Ques	Examination	Title1	Title2	Title3	Answer_Type	Mark_For	Reviewed	Comment	Alternate	Answer_Id
2	172	Stmt 1	Designate The board	7	1	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	Y	True	True				1
3	173	Stmt 2	Information Managem	7	2	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	NA	False	True				2
4	174	Stmt 3	Managem A report b	7	3	1	Review all Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	Y	False	False	this is stat			3
5	175	Stmt 4	The budget The financ	7	4	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				4
6	176	Stmt 5	Managem Risks pose	7	5	1	Obtain an Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	NA	False	False				5
7	177	Stmt 6	At least ar The financ	8	6	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				6
8	178	Stmt 7	Managem The Grami	8	7	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	Y	False	False				7
9	179	Stmt 8	Cybersecl The budget	8	8	1	Meet with Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				8
10	180	Stmt 9	There is a Managem	8	9	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				9
11	181	Stmt 10	The board The board	10	10	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	Y	False	False				10
12	182	Stmt 11	The stand Managem	10	11	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				11
13	183	Stmt 12	The institu Risk appet	10	12	1	Review the Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				12
14	184	Stmt 13	Cyber risk When cyb	10	13	1	Discuss with Cyber Risk	Governance	Oversight	N	False	False				13
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Maturity Levels

Domain	Completed	Maturity Level
Cyber Risk Management and Oversight	141/141	Baseline
Threat Intelligence and Collaboration	45/45	Evolving
Cybersecurity Controls	174/174	Evolving
External Dependency Management	51/51	Evolving
Cyber Incident Management and Resilience	83/83	Intermediate

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Governance: Governance includes oversight, strategies, policies, and IT asset management to implement an effective governance of the cybersecurity program.

Responsible

Type	Name
<input type="button" value="Employee"/>	Jill Sanderson

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1. Designated members of management are held accountable by the board or an appropriate board committee for implementing and managing the information security and business continuity programs.

Yes

Yes with Compensating Controls

No

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2. Information security risks are discussed in management meetings when prompted by highly visible cyber events or regulatory alerts.

Yes

Yes with Compensating Controls

No

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3. Management provides a written report on the overall status of the information security and business continuity programs to the board or an appropriate board committee at least annually.

Yes with Compensating Controls

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Show target risk/maturity levels

		Inherent Risk				
		Least	Minimal	Moderate	Significant	Most
Cybersecurity Maturity	Innovative					
	Advanced					
	Intermediate				Cyber Incident Management and Resilience	
	Evolving		Cyber Risk Management and Oversight	Threat Intelligence and Collaboration	Cybersecurity Controls	External Dependency Management
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Risk Level	Target
Overall	Moderate

Minimal ● ⚠

Cybersecurity Maturity

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Domain	Maturity Level	Target	Recommended
Cyber Risk Management and Oversight	Baseline	Evolving	⚠
Threat Intelligence and Collaboration	Evolving	Evolving	✓
Cybersecurity Controls	Evolving	Evolving	✓
External Dependency Management	Evolving	Evolving	✓
Cyber Incident Management and Resilience	Intermediate	Evolving	✓

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Show plan for improving maturity level to **Evolving**

Domain	Maturity Level	Target	Recommended
Cyber Risk Management and Oversight	Baseline	Evolving	Evolving
Governance			
Oversight	Baseline	Evolving	Evolving

Plan of Action

To improve to Evolving

1. Management is responsible for ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to cybersecurity.

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The mapping below represents the risk and maturity of other financial institutions. Data was pulled and anonymized from the most current completed assessment of institutions that have opted in to **Peer Analysis**. A total of **768** completed assessments are included in the data set.

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Cybersecurity Domain

Overall

Maturity	Innovation	Inherent Risk				
		Least	Minimal	Moderate	Significant	Most
Maturity	Innovative	0.13%	0.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Advanced	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Intermediate	0.39%	2.21%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%

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Cybersecurity Maturity	Inherent Risk				
	Least	Minimal	Moderate	Significant	Most
Innovative	0.13%	0.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Advanced	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Intermediate	0.39%	2.21%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%
Evolving	0.39%	13.02%	1.30%	0.13%	0.00%
Baseline	9.90%	62.50%	2.73%	0.00%	0.00%
Sub-Baseline	0.26%	6.12%	0.39%	0.00%	0.00%

Inherent Risk

Category	Risk Level	Average Answer	Average Peer Risk
Technologies and Connection Types	Minimal	Minimal (1.50)	Minimal (1.28)
Delivery Channels	Most	Most (4.17)	Moderate (2.70)
Online/Mobile Products and Technology Services	Moderate	Moderate (2.64)	Minimal (1.23)
Organizational Characteristics	Significant	Minimal (1.93)	Least (1.00)
External Threats	Least	Least (0.50)	Minimal (1.61)
Overall	Moderate	Moderate (2.17)	Moderate (2.50)

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Cybersecurity Maturity

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Domain	Maturity Level	Average Peer Maturity
 Cyber Risk Management and Oversight	Baseline	Baseline (0.93)
Governance		
 Oversight	Baseline	Evolving (1.69)
 Strategy / Policies	Intermediate	Evolving (1.74)
 IT Asset Management	Intermediate	Evolving (1.78)
Risk Management		
 Risk Management Program	Innovative	Evolving (1.68)
 Risk Assessment	Advanced	Intermediate (2.45)
 Audit	Intermediate	Evolving (1.93)
Resources		
 Staffing	Intermediate	Evolving (1.77)
Training and Culture		
 Training	Intermediate	Evolving (1.75)
 Culture	Intermediate	Intermediate (2.03)
 Threat Intelligence and Collaboration	Evolving	Evolving (1.14)
 Cybersecurity Controls	Evolving	Baseline (0.67)
 External Dependency Management	Evolving	Baseline (0.96)
Cyber Incident Management and Resilience	Intermediate	Baseline (0.98)

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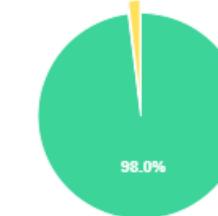
1. Designated members of management are held accountable by the board or an appropriate board committee for implementing and managing the information security and business continuity programs.

Yes 98.05% 

Yes with Compensating Controls 1.82%

No 0.13%

See the attached meeting minutes for additional information about the expectations of the Board.



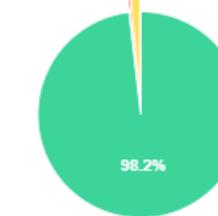
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2. Information security risks are discussed in management meetings when prompted by highly visible cyber events or regulatory alerts.

Yes 98.18% 

Yes with Compensating Controls 1.43%

No 0.39%



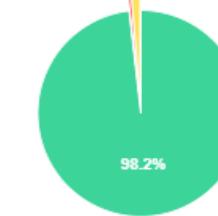
98.18%

3. Management provides a written report on the overall status of the information security and business continuity programs to the board or an appropriate board committee at least annually.

Yes 98.18% 

Yes with Compensating Controls 1.30%

No 0.52%



98.18%

← Previous  includes information security related expenses and tools.

Next →  Yes 97.01% 

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Jill Sanderson	Delivery Channels	3	0
Assistant Compliance Officer	Technologies and Connection Types	1	0
Ed Smith	Technologies and Connection Types	1	0
Brady Cook	Delivery Channels	1	0
Jill Sanderson	Oversight	25	0
Information Security Committee	Oversight	1	0
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Assistant ⚠	Threat Intelligence & Information	1	0
Austin Lee	Appendices A and B to Part 748	1	0

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3 Cybersecurity Maturity

The *Cybersecurity Maturity* levels below were determined for Tandem Financial by answering statements organized into five domains taken from the FFIEC Cybersecurity Assessment. The statement describes activities supporting assessment factors for each domain. To reach a domain, all declarative statements in that maturity level as well as previous maturity level attained, but also sustained.

Cyber Risk Management and Oversight (D1)

Cyber risk management and oversight addresses the board of directors' (board's) oversight development and implementation of an effective enterprise-wide cybersecurity program via policies and procedures for establishing appropriate accountability and oversight.

Target Maturity	Recommended Maturity	Maturity
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*The peer maturity for a domain is calculated by averaging the domain ratings from peers. The domain rating is calculated by averaging the peer maturity of each component (below), it is possible for the domain level to be lower than the peer maturity of all of its components.

Components

Component	Maturity Level
Risk Management Program	<input type="radio"/> Innovative
Risk Assessment	<input type="radio"/> Advanced
Audit	<input type="radio"/> Intermediate
Culture	<input type="radio"/> Intermediate
IT Asset Management	<input type="radio"/> Intermediate
Staffing	<input type="radio"/> Intermediate
Strategy / Policies	<input type="radio"/> Intermediate
Training	<input type="radio"/> Intermediate
Oversight	<input type="radio"/> Baseline

4 Analysis

The table below depicts the relationship between the Inherent Risk Profile and the domain maturity levels (D1, D2, etc.) calculated by the assessment for Tandem Financial as well as the target levels (T1, T2, etc.) determined by management. Domain maturity is located under the assessment inherent risk column of Moderate, based on the institution's overall inherent risk level. Guidance recommends domain maturity fall within the sections marked in blue. Any domain with a rating of Sub-Baseline should be addressed immediately.

	Inherent Risk				
	Least	Minimal	Moderate	Significant	Most
Innovative					
Advanced					
Intermediate				D5	
Evolving		T1, T2, T3, T4, T5		D2, D3, D4	
Baseline				D1	
Sub-Baseline					

Recommended Remediation

The following declarative statements were marked as "No" in the assessment causing domain maturity levels to fall below the assessment recommended maturity level. In order for Tandem Financial to achieve the FFIEC recommended maturity level in each domain, each of the following declarative statements must be marked as "Yes."

- Management is responsible for ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to cybersecurity.



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2 Inherent Risk Profile

Inherent risk incorporates the type, volume, and threats directed at the institution. Inherent risk can controls. The inherent risk below was calculated FFIEC Cybersecurity Assessment Tool. Each quarter FFIEC Risk level definitions have been included

Overall Inherent Risk

	December 2020	July 2021
Identified Risk	Moderate	Moderate
Target Risk	Minimal	Minimal

Inherent Risk by Category

Category	Technologies and Connection Types
	Certain types of connections and technologies inherent risk depending on the complexity and nature of the specific technology products category includes the number of Internet service third-party connections, whether systems are outsourced, the number of unsecured connections, volume of network devices, end-of-life services, and use of personal devices.

3 Cybersecurity Maturity

The Cybersecurity Maturity levels below were determined for Tandem Financial by answering 404 declarative statements organized into five domains taken from the FFIEC Cybersecurity Assessment Tool. Each declarative statement describes activities supporting assessment factors for each domain. To reach a maturity level in a domain, all declarative statements in that maturity level as well as previous maturity levels must not only be attained, but also sustained.

Cyber Risk Management and Oversight

Cyber risk management and oversight addresses the board of directors' (board's) oversight and management's development and implementation of an effective enterprise-wide cybersecurity program with comprehensive policies and procedures for establishing appropriate accountability and oversight.

December 2020	July 2021	Target	Recommended
● Baseline	● Baseline	● Evolving	● Evolving

Components

Component	December 2020	July 2021
Oversight	● Baseline	● Baseline
Risk Management Program	● Innovative	● Innovative
Staffing	● Intermediate	● Intermediate
Training	● Intermediate	● Intermediate
Strategy / Policies	● Intermediate	● Intermediate
Risk Assessment	● Advanced	● Advanced
Culture	● Intermediate	● Intermediate
IT Asset Management	● Intermediate	● Intermediate
Audit	● Intermediate	● Intermediate

Threat Intelligence and Collaboration

Threat intelligence and collaboration includes processes to effectively discover, analyze, and understand cyber threats, with the capability to share information internally and with appropriate third parties.

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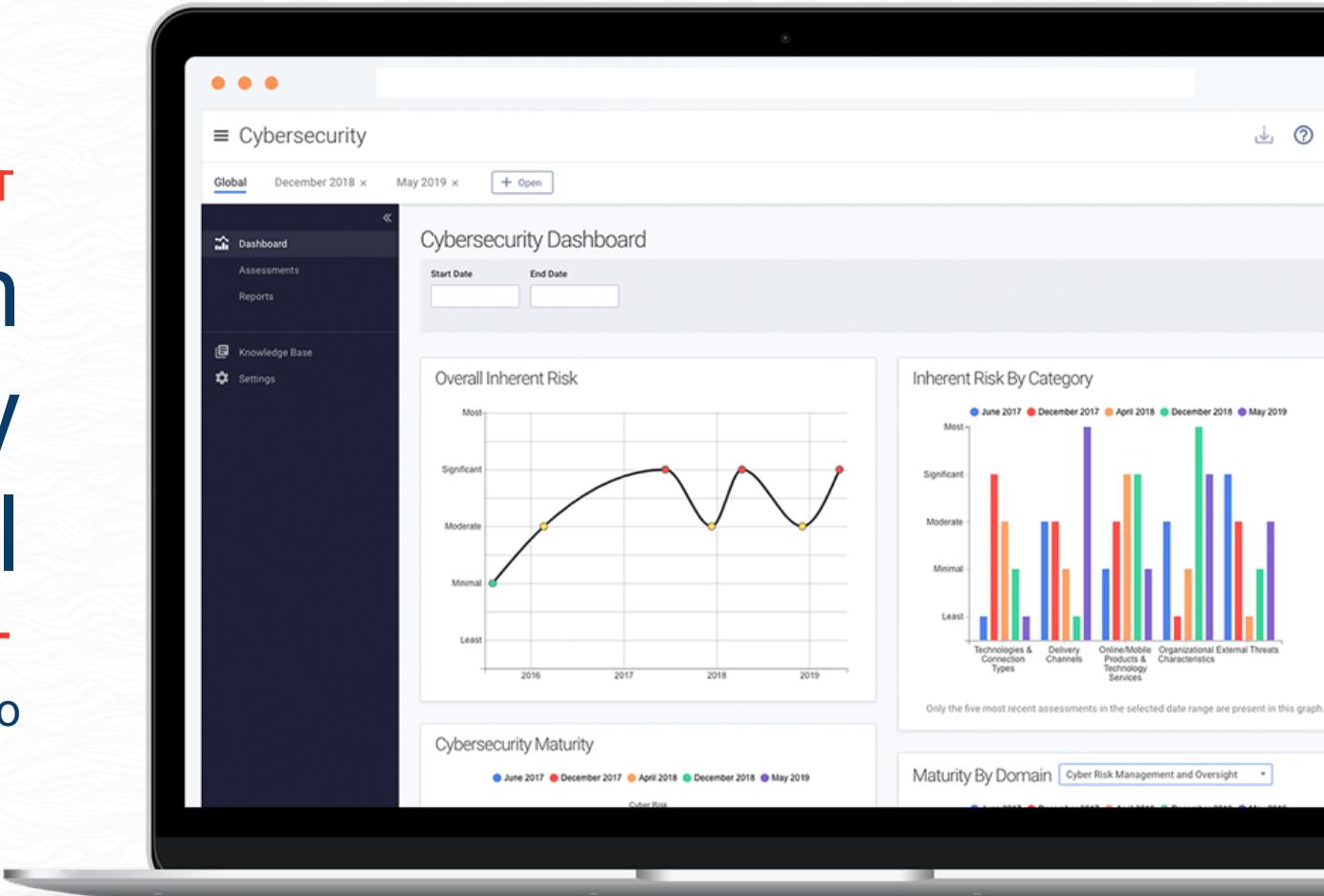
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