

## NCI CERTIFIED AS PCI QUALIFIED SECURITY ASSESSOR (QSA)

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NCI (Net Cyclops Inc.) is proud to announce the addition of PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) validation assessments to its PCI services portfolio. NCI has passed the rigorous testing process conducted by the PCI Security Standards Council and has achieved the designation of Qualified Security Assessor (QSA).

With PCI DSS, the credit card industry is enforcing “best practices for information security” within merchant environments to protect credit card data. Depending on their transaction levels, merchants have to demonstrate compliance to the standard through quarterly scans, questionnaires, and/or on-site audits.

“NCI offers extensive experience in security assessments and security best practices,” said NCI President, Dan Timmins. “Clients of all sizes are turning to us to assist them with understanding the PCI standard, assessing the gaps in their compliance, and performing quarterly scans. NCI is already an Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV). Now, NCI can also perform yearly compliance assessments as a QSA.”

The PCI standard applies to every organization that processes, stores, or transmits credit card data. Credit card companies and acquiring banks can levy stiff fines and even remove the merchant's ability to process credit card transactions until the merchant is PCI compliant.

NCI is Canada’s premier full service provider of IT Security and Networking services and solutions. NCI’s team of experienced security professionals (CISSP, CISA, and SANS GIAC certified) are experts in Security Assessments, Application Assessments, Wireless Assessments, Managed Services, Digital Forensics, and IT Security Solutions. NCI has offices in London, Mississauga, and Montréal. For more information, please contact [pci@nci.ca](mailto:pci@nci.ca), visit [www.nci.ca](http://www.nci.ca) or call toll free 1-866.370.8575.

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