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HITRUST CSF v11.5.0

HITRUST CSF v11.5.0 (April 2025) is HITRUST's certifiable security and privacy framework: 14 control categories, e1, i1 and r2 assessments; superseded by v11.9.0.



What it is

HITRUST CSF v11.5.0 is the April 2025 release of the HITRUST Common Security Framework, a certifiable security and privacy control framework that healthcare organizations, business associates, cloud providers and other regulated organizations use to give customers validated assurance. HITRUST made v11.5.0 available in MyCSF on 14 April 2025. It has since been superseded: v11.6.0 (22 August 2025), v11.7.0 (18 December 2025), v11.8.0 (8 May 2026) and v11.9.0 (24 September 2026) have followed, and the control structure described here is the same in the v11.9.0 Introduction.

HITRUST Services LLC develops and maintains the framework. It is a private framework, not a law. Its core structure is ISO/IEC 27001 and 27002, and it incorporates more than 60 other regulations, standards and frameworks, such as HIPAA, NIST SP 800-53 and the GDPR, mapping every requirement to its authoritative source (Introduction to the HITRUST CSF, v11.5.0).

At a glance

PUBLISHER HITRUST (HITRUST Services LLC)	TYPE Control Framework	VERSION HITRUST CSF v11.5.0 (current release: v11.9.0)
EFFECTIVE April 14, 2025 (available in MyCSF)	DOMAIN Cybersecurity	FAMILY HITRUST
REGION United States	INDUSTRY Healthcare & Life Sciences	ADOPTION MODEL Certification
IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY High		

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Why it matters

- **One control set, many sources** The CSF normalizes requirements from federal law such as HIPAA, federal agency guidance such as NIST, state law, international regulation such as the GDPR and industry frameworks such as PCI into one framework.
- **Requirements scale to risk** Organizational, compliance and system risk factors decide which of three progressive implementation levels apply, so the requirement set fits the organization instead of being the same for everyone.
- **Three assurance levels** e1 is a foundational 1-year assessment, i1 is a 1-year assessment with 182 requirement statements and r2 is a 2-year risk-based assessment. Work done for a lower level can be built upon for a higher one.
- **A published version policy** Versions follow v[Major].[Minor].[Errata]. A minor release such as v11.5.0 changes requirement statements, authoritative sources, mappings or factors and is announced in an Assurance Advisory (HAA 2021-005).

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How SmartSuite supports HITRUST CSF v11.5

Scope and Requirement Set

Record each in-scope system with its organizational, compliance and system risk factors and the resulting requirement set by control category.

Control Evidence Library

Attach policies, configurations, logs and test results to each requirement statement, with an owner and a review date.

Assessment Type Tracker

Track e1, i1 and r2 assessments with their 1-year or 2-year validity, the assessor and the next due date.

Corrective Action Plans

Manage each gap as a corrective action with an owner, due date and closure evidence.

Version and Source Change Log

Record the CSF version in use, such as v11.5.0, and review each Assurance Advisory for added or removed authoritative sources.

Third-Party Assurance Register

Track vendors' HITRUST reports by assessment type and expiry date, with the requirements each vendor is responsible for.

Common framework mappings

CIS Controls v8.1 | HIPAA | ISO 27001:2022 | ISO 27002:2022 | NIST CSF 2.0 | NIST 800-53 Rev.5 | PCI DSS 4.0.1 | SOC 2

Official resources

HITRUST CSF framework page

HITRUST's page for the HITRUST CSF, where the current release and its Introduction can be downloaded.

hitrustalliance.net/hitrust-framework

HITRUST assessments and certifications

Describes the e1, i1 and r2 validated assessments, their validity periods and how results are shared.

hitrustalliance.net/assessments-and-certifications

Introduction to the HITRUST CSF v11.5.0 (PDF)

HITRUST's April 2025 introduction to this release: control categories, risk factors, implementation levels and authoritative sources.

hitrustalliance.net/hubfs/CSF/CSF%20v11.5/Introduction%20to%20HITRUST%20CSF%20v11.5.0.pdf

HITRUST MyCSF

HITRUST's platform for assessments and corrective action plan management.

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Frequently asked questions

What is the difference between the e1, i1 and r2 assessments?

All three are HITRUST validated assessments. The e1 is a foundational assessment valid for 1 year, and the i1 is valid for 1 year with 182 requirement statements. The r2 is a risk-based, tailored assessment valid for 2 years, for organizations that must show compliance with sources such as HIPAA.

Is HITRUST CSF v11.5.0 still the current version?

No. HITRUST released v11.5.0 on 14 April 2025 (HAA 2025-001). Later releases followed, and v11.9.0 was released on 24 September 2026 (HAA 2026-005). The 14-category structure is the same in the v11.5.0 and v11.9.0 Introductions.

How is the HITRUST CSF organized?

It has 14 control categories, 49 control objectives and 156 control specifications. Each control has implementation requirements at three levels, and the level that applies depends on organizational, compliance and system risk factors. Requirements are mapped to authoritative sources such as ISO/IEC 27001 and 27002, HIPAA and NIST SP 800-53.

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Does the HITRUST CSF replace HIPAA compliance?

No. HIPAA is federal law for covered entities and business associates. The CSF is a private framework that maps HIPAA requirements as one of its authoritative sources, so one HITRUST assessment can cover requirements from several sources at once.

What changed in HITRUST CSF v11.5.0?

HITRUST consolidated more overlapping requirement statements and added mappings including ADHICS, Singapore's Cybersecurity Act 2018, the NIS Directive and GovRAMP Readiness. COBIT is now mapped as COBIT 2019, and the baseline r2 requirement statements did not change from v11.4.0 (HAA 2025-001).

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Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/hitrust-csf-v11-5-0-hitrust-common-security-framework