




# CREST-Aligned Penetration Testing

## What is CREST?

CREST (Council of Registered Ethical Security Testers) is an international, not-for-profit accreditation body for cyber security providers.

When you see a CREST-accredited penetration testing company, it means:

-  The company itself has been audited. CREST reviews our methodologies, technical processes, quality assurance, security controls, and professional indemnity/insurance
-  Our testers have passed CREST exams and have logged, verified experience in real-world penetration testing
-  Engagements follow CREST rules and methodology, with defined scope, legal and ethical constraints, and reporting standards aligned to regulators and auditors

In practice, a “CREST pentest” is not just “someone running tools”; it’s a formally governed security assessment delivered under an independent professional standard.

## Why CREST matters to you

Choosing a CREST-accredited provider directly affects the quality and reliability of the testing you’re buying.



### Higher assurance for regulators and auditors

- Many frameworks (PCI DSS, ISO 27001, NIS, Cyber Essentials Plus, etc.) increasingly expect CREST-accredited suppliers for penetration testing
- CREST methodology and reporting make it easier to demonstrate due diligence and satisfy auditors



### Proven, accountable testers

- Testers must pass demanding CREST exams and log real-world testing hours
- Their work is subject to independent oversight and a code of conduct, so you’re not relying on self-proclaimed expertise



### Structured, repeatable testing

- Engagements are run under formal CREST rules, from scoping through execution and reporting
- You get consistent depth of testing, clear evidence, and traceable findings that support remediation and re-testing



### Better alignment with business risk

- CREST reporting is designed to be useful beyond the security team, with helping compliance, engineering, and leadership understand what was tested and found and what to do next

Because of this CREST-accredited pen tests often sit in the mid-to-upper pricing bands for testing. You’re paying for validated expertise, mature processes, and regulator-ready outputs.

## Why choose Prescient Security

Prescient Security is a CREST-accredited Penetration Testing Company, meaning, that our organisation has passed CREST’s accreditation audit for penetration testing. Your tests are led by CREST-qualified consultants with verified experience. We deliver pentests “the CREST way”, clearly scoped, lawfully executed, and reported in a format your auditors and stakeholders can actually use.

In short, when you choose Prescient Security, you’re not just buying a pen test, you’re buying independently validated assurance that the testing stands up to scrutiny from auditors, regulators, boards, and customers.