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Does NIS2 Apply to Your Business?

A 5-minute exposure check for Irish SMEs

The EU's NIS2 Directive significantly widened who is covered by cybersecurity regulation. A lot of Irish SMEs assume it doesn't apply to them — and are wrong, often because a larger customer's own NIS2 obligations flow down to suppliers contractually. Tick through the six checks below to see where you likely stand.

- [ ] **1. Sector**

  Does your business operate in one of the 18 NIS2 sectors (energy, transport, banking, health, digital infrastructure, water, public administration, and others)?

- [ ] **2. Size**

  Are you a medium or large organisation (roughly 50+ staff, or over €10m turnover) within one of those sectors?

- [ ] **3. Critical role**

  Even if smaller, do you play a critical role in one of those sectors' supply chains (e.g. sole provider of a key service)?

- [ ] **4. Customer flow-down**

  Do you supply, service, or hold data for a business that IS in scope? Their NIS2 obligations increasingly flow down to suppliers by contract.

- [ ] **5. Customer signals**

  Has a customer or prospect recently asked you for evidence of your cybersecurity controls, an audit, or a security questionnaire?

- [ ] **6. Evidence today**

  Could you produce evidence right now of MFA enforcement, patch management, and an incident response process, if asked?

What non-compliance can cost: essential entities face fines up to €10 million or 2% of global turnover, whichever is higher; important entities up to €7 million or 1.4%. Directors can be held personally liable in serious cases. These are statutory maximums, not typical outcomes — but they're real.

Ticked yes to any of these? Get a free IT audit.

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