

# AUDIT CHECKLIST FOR REMOTE ZERO TRUST ENVIRONMENTS

Zero Trust Principles can be used to manage compliance with regulations including PCI DSS, ISO 27001, SOC 2 Type 2, GDPR, CCPA and FedRAMP.



## DOMAIN 1: POLICY MANAGEMENT

- Provide Information Security Awareness Training to WFH users on how to secure their wireless network (if any).
- Are IT security policies updated?
- Does your user understand acceptable usage policy?
- Is access control policy in place emphasizing need to know basis access control?

## DOMAIN 2: CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

- System configuration standards approved by organizations must be enforced on WFH users' workstations.
- Maintain the inventory of workstations.
- Are end user workstations enabled with personal firewall with minimum required connections allowed and deny everything else inbound/outbound?

## DOMAIN 3: VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT

- Internal vulnerability assessment and penetration testing must be conducted for WFH workstations.
- Penetration tests emulating a work from home user scenario must be performed.
- Do developers/programmers write secure code?

## DOMAIN 4: LOG MANAGEMENT

- Ensure all user activities done on WFH workstations are logged.
- Ensure all WFH workstations are synchronizing time with designated NTP server.

## DOMAIN 5: DATA MANAGEMENT

- Increase the frequency of PII data discovery scanning.
- Establish process to run automated secure data disposal on disks of workstations for WFH users.
- Reduce the exposure of PII
- Do database admins understand dataflows?

## DOMAIN 6: PHYSICAL SECURITY

- Ensure controls (such as Citrix) are in place that full sensitive/PII data cannot be viewed or downloaded when working from home.
- Complete Data Center reviews.
- Reduce the exposure of PII.
- Is your physical equipment locked with double security, i.e., door, fence, cabinet, etc.?



## DOMAIN 7: ANTIVIRUS & ANTIMALWARE

- All systems should have an Anti-Virus solution installed and regularly updated.
- Users should not be able to disable the Anti-Virus solution.

## DOMAIN 8: ACCESS MANAGEMENT

- No regular user (except power users) should be able to access any system that stores, processes or transmits sensitive/PII.
- All the WFH users must use two-factor authentication to connect to sensitive/PII environment.
- Need-to-know basis access along with least privileges must be implemented to restrict access to sensitive/PII data for WFH users.
- Is multi-factor authentication enabled for all users?

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