

Business Continuity Management and Disaster Recovery (BS 25999)

Continued operations in the event of a disruption, whether due to a major disaster or a minor incident, is a fundamental requirement for any organization.

A comprehensive Business Continuity Management Policy and supporting Plan are crucial components of a Business Continuity Management System (BCMS).

They are also key requirements for organisations seeking compliance with industry standards such as BS 25999 is the new British Standard for Business Continuity Management. Platinum Squared can help organisations achieve compliance with this standard.

BS 25999 - The Standard for Business Continuity Management

BS 25999 replaces PAS 56:2003, which has now been withdrawn. BS 25999 is published in two parts.

The first, "BS 25999-1:2006 Business Continuity Management. Code of Practice", takes the form of general guidance and seeks to establish processes, principles and terminology for Business Continuity Management.

The second, "BS 25999-2:2007 Specification for Business Continuity Management", specifies requirements for implementing, operating and improving a documented Business Continuity Management System (BCMS), describing only requirements that can be objectively and independently audited.

Understanding the Issue

The type of Business Continuity Plan (BCP) you implement must reflect how you work and your organisational needs.

A BCP is essential for any organization, large or small, from any sector but it is particularly relevant for organizations which operate in high risk environments such as HMG, MoD, NHS, finance, and communications where continuing operate is paramount for the organisation's services and its customers.

The type of BCP you implement must reflect how you work and your organisational needs. Implementing a defined BCP is the centre of the more holistic BCMS approach (Plan-Do-Check-Act) and has immense benefits to organisations and in line with BS 25999 should include:

- Defined Scope.
- Terms and Definitions.
- Creation of a BCMS.
- Operation the BCMS.
- Monitoring and Review the BCMS.
- Maintaining and Improvement the BCMS.

How Platinum Squared can help you

Due to Platinum Squared's consultant's comprehensive experience in assisting other organisations in gaining compliance and certification with standards such as ISO 27001, we are ideally placed to deliver BS 25999 services, including:

- A gap analysis against the control requirements of BS 25999.
- A gap analysis against the requirements mandated within the organisation's own existing BCMS.
- Business Continuity Plans. The creation of business continuity plans reflecting you business needs.
- Business Continuity Testing. Physical and Paper Testing of your business continuity plans.
- Action plans to identify and address weaknesses quickly and cost-effectively.
- Implementation of your own BCMS.
- Support in preparation for formal certification against BS 25999.

About Platinum Squared

Platinum Squared was established in 2005 to offer a complete set of holistic consultancy services to ensure our clients are able to meet their legal, regulatory and business requirements in relation to Information Assurance. Many of our consultants are members of the CESG Listed Advisor Scheme (CLAS) and are all ISO 27001 Lead Auditors. At a minimum all of our consultants have 10 years practical experience of offering consultancy services to both the private and public sector.

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