



How to Utilize MyCSF Inheritance with  
HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrices (SRMs)

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  - As the Inheritance Provider
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# Overview

# The HITRUST Shared Responsibility and Inheritance Program

## DID YOU KNOW?

**For an r2 Validated Assessment**, your organization can inherit up to **60%** of controls from cloud service providers!

**For an i1 Validated Assessment**, your organization can inherit up to **80%** of controls from cloud service providers!

## Adding Inheritance Efficiency Saves Time, Effort, and Cost on HITRUST Assessments!

### External Inheritance

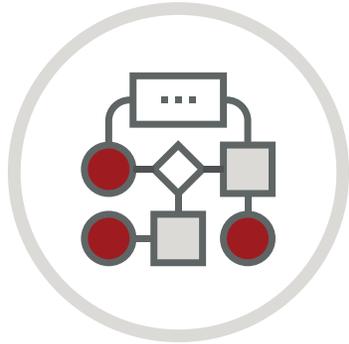
Organizations can use their MyCSF® subscription to import control assessment results and scores from their other HITRUST Validated Assessments that have been published (enabled) for External Inheritance by hosting, cloud, or other service providers.

### Internal Inheritance

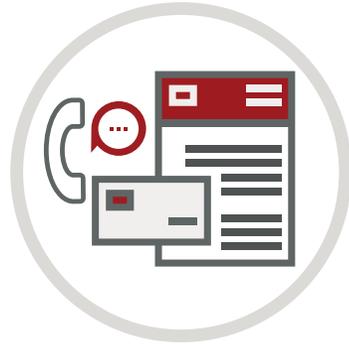
Organizations can use their MyCSF® subscription to leverage and repurpose controls assessment results and scores that are internally inheritable to or from their other current or previous HITRUST Assessments.



# Key Inheritance Benefits



Reduces the need for duplicative and redundant direct controls testing that is covered and obtained under a prior valid assessment.



Identifies control mappings and leverages assessment results within one system to efficiently process Inheritance information exchange.



Provides the transparency and visibility needed to fully understand and effectively inherit existing controls assessment data.



The industry's only Inheritance capability for third-party assurances, especially well-suited for shared cloud-based control environments.

# Utilizing MyCSF Inheritance with HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrices (SRMs)

# Some Key Terms We Will Use:

Term	Definition
Inheritance	The sharing of HITRUST Assessment results between HITRUST Assessment(s) through purposeful electronic workflows, typically in the context of shared responsibility in the performance of cybersecurity controls
Internal Inheritance	Using inheritance to share assessment results between assessments of a single organization (e.g., between a shared IT service and the business)
External Inheritance	Using inheritance to share assessment results between assessments of different organizations (e.g., between a CSP and its tenants)
Inheritance Provider	An organization who has published / enabled their HITRUST assessment for external inheritance
MyCSF	HITRUST's assessment platform
SRM	Shared Responsibility Matrix, the (currently Excel-based) mechanism by which security obligations of a provider (typically CSPs) and its users are communicated, to ensure accountability
Inheritability Values	Information describing whether a requirement is fully, partially, or not inheritable (and why)

# HITRUST Customer Qualifications: **Inheritance Provider**

Type	Description
MyCSF Subscription	INTERNAL & EXTERNAL INHERITANCE: Assessment owner is an active annual MyCSF subscriber with a Corporate or Premier-level subscription.
CSF Assurance Requirements	<p>EXTERNAL INHERITANCE (ONLY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The assessment object within MyCSF is in a ‘Completed’ state with the final report date posted and remaining effective during its lifespan for the following supported assessment types:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ r2 Validated—for a period of 2 years after the final report date and timely completion of the interim assessment by the 1-year anniversary date of final report date.</li><li>✓ i1 Validated—for a period of 1 year after the final report date.</li></ul></li><li>• The assessment object is configured to be ‘Published’ (enabled) for external inheritance with the box checked on the “Name &amp; Security” page within MyCSF and inheritance requests are processed in a reasonably timely manner (including consenting to terms/conditions for inheritance-related sharing/exchange of privileged customer information).</li></ul>
Additional Benefits	Inheritance Providers are eligible to have a HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrix (SRM) published that is tailored to their inheritable assessment and access to a press kit that includes the promotional material and guidelines (e.g., logo and press release template).

# External Inheritance – Publishing (Enabling) by Inheritance Provider

- ‘Published’ box checked on “Name & Security” page within assessment object

The screenshot shows the 'Name & Security' configuration page in the MyCSF interface. The 'Published' checkbox is checked. The page includes fields for Subscriber (HITRUST), Assessment Name (Demo), and External Assessor (No External Assessor). There are also sections for QA Analyst, Compliance Member, and a table for People with columns for No Access, Assessment Lead, Standard User, Customer Respondent, Read Only, and Limited Assessment.

NAME & SECURITY

Subscriber	SOFTWARE_QC
Assessment Name	SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload
Published	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

EXTERNAL INHERITANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As a part of the external inheritance program, you will be given access to certain information about other organizations' HITRUST assessments to the extent relevant to your external inheritance use case. This information is sensitive and being given to you only for the purposes associated with the external inheritance program. Any additional use or sharing of the information requires the other organizations' written consent and approval. You understand that any organizations involved in your external inheritance use case will also be given access to some of your HITRUST assessment information under the same restrictions and need for consent before sharing.

I have read and agree to these terms and conditions.

Assessment Name	Status	Version	Assessment Type
SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload	Final Report Posted	v9.4	r2 Validated

- New badge on Inheritance Provider's home page shows that an assessment object is published/enabled for external inheritance (MyCSF Release 1.16)

# External Inheritance – Inheritance Table for Inheritance Provider

- Inheritance approval table contains consolidated view of all inheriting customers
  - Allows for bulk processing of submitted inheritance requests
  - New enhancements includes 'ALL' count and improved data filtering functionality (MyCSF Release 1.16)
  - Future Inheritance 2.0 enhancements to include single-click navigation from toolbar menu and data field updates consistent with assessment-level inheritance table data field updates

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EXTERNAL INHERITANCE APPROVAL

ALL (26) CREATED (9) SUBMITTED (5) APPROVED (1) APPLIED (1) REJECTED (1) REMOVED (9) APPROVE REJECT

Select All

Search

Download to CSV...

Show 30 Records

- 25 records
- 50 records
- 100 records
- 250 records

Select	Baseline Unique Id	Level	Requirement Statement	Subscriber Name	Assessment Name	Requested	Weight	N/A?	Policy	Process	Implemented	Measured
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0101.00a1Organizational.123	1		HITRUST	01 Alfa Romeo (The Car)	8/18/2022 4:59 PM	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	25%
<input type="checkbox"/>	05 Wireless Security	0503.09m1Organizational.6	1	HITRUST	BS Assessment v9.6.2	9/23/2022 4:08 PM	75	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	25%
<input type="checkbox"/>	01 Information Protection Program	0101.00a1Organizational.123	1	Software_GUI	ComplateReservationTest_asSubs	8/11/2022 10:10 AM	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	25%
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<input type="checkbox"/>	01 Information Protection Program	0108.02d1Organizational.23	1	SOFTWARE_QC	A_SortByNameTest_DoNotDelete	8/15/2022 3:40 PM	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	25%

# HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrices (SRMs)

HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrices are a Comprehensive Blueprint to Identify Shared Controls and Facilitate Sharing

**Optimal Managed Risk Solutions for Sharing Information Security Control Assurances**

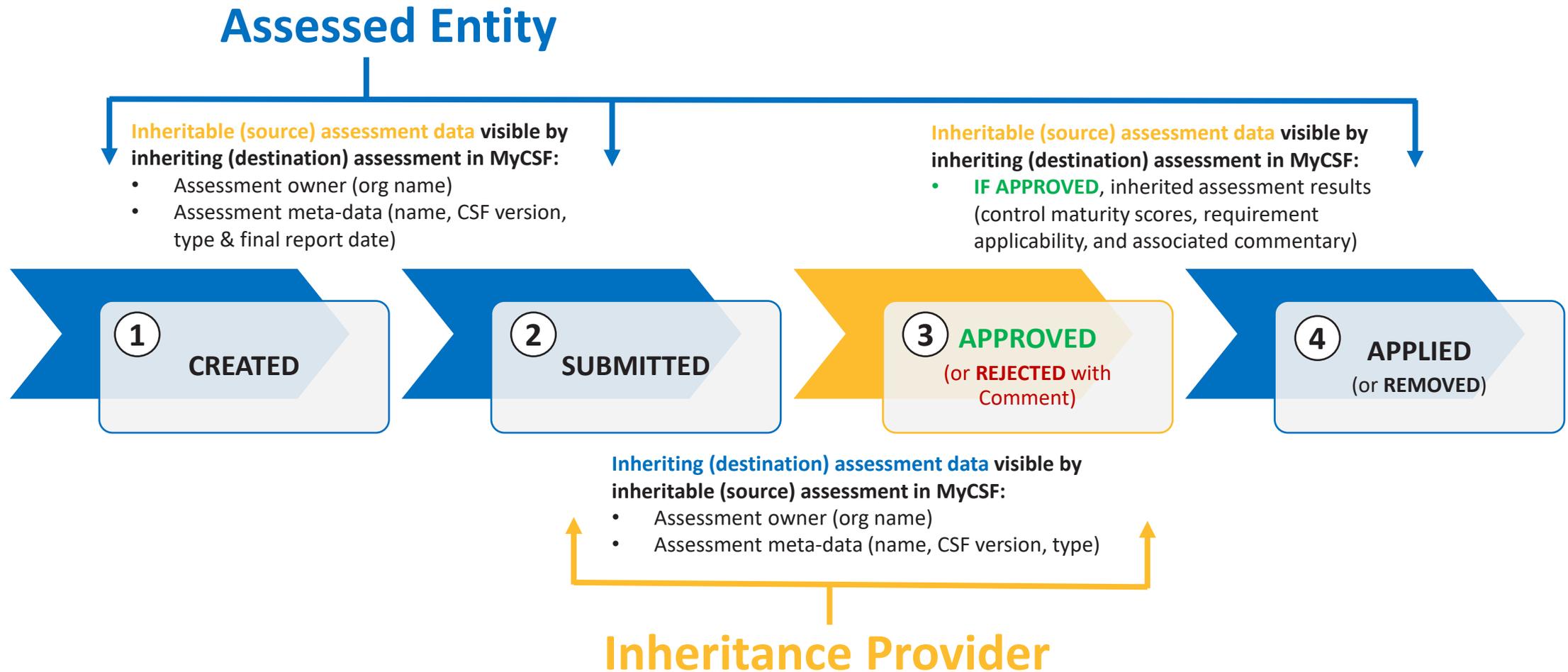
**Reduces Time, Effort, and Cost by Inheriting Control Scoring, Assessment Information, and Results**

## **HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrix**

No-cost, easy-to-use, out-of-box, baseline template with pre-populated shared responsibility and controls inheritability that are perfectly suited for shared cloud environments.



# External Inheritance – Workflow Process Flow & Data



# Internal Inheritance – Initiating in Assessment Object (via Inheritance Model) by Assessed Entity

The screenshot displays the MyCSF interface for the '05 WIRELESS SECURITY' assessment object. The left sidebar lists various assessment categories, with '05 - Wireless Security' selected. The main content area shows the assessment details, including a description, BUID, CVID, and evaluative elements. A modal window titled 'INHERITANCE FOR' is open, showing the 'Type of Inheritance' dropdown set to 'Internal'. Below the dropdown is a table of assessment data.

Assessment	User	Created	N/A?	Policy	Procedure	Implemented	Measured	Managed	Comments	Assessor Comments
2021 HITRUST CSF Validated Assessment [r2]		09/23/2022 18:32 PM	<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%		

# External Inheritance – Initiating in Assessment Object (via Inheritance Model) by Assessed Entity

The screenshot displays the MyCSF interface for an assessment object. The main content area shows '18 PHYSICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY' with a description and a list of requirements. Requirement 1 is highlighted with a yellow arrow pointing to an 'INHERITANCE FOR' modal. The modal contains the following information:

- INHERITANCE FOR**
- Access to network equipment is physically protected.
- BUID: 1892.0111Organizational.1 | CVID: 0147.0
- Buttons: Requests, Scoring
- Type of Inheritance dropdown: External (selected), External, Internal
- Weight, Provider Name, Assessment Name, Status, N/A?, Policy, Procedure, Implemented, Measured, Managed, Comments
- Is this Statement partially inherited?  The remaining weight will be applied to your organization.
- Buttons: CANCEL, SAVE

On the right side of the modal, there is a separate box titled 'EXTERNAL INHERITANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS' with the following text:

EXTERNAL INHERITANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As a part of the external inheritance program, you will be given access to certain information about other organizations' HITRUST assessments to the extent relevant to your external inheritance use case. This information is sensitive and being given to you only for the purposes associated with the external inheritance program. Any additional use or sharing of the information requires the other organizations' written consent and approval. You understand that any organizations involved in your external inheritance use case will also be given access to some of your HITRUST assessment information under the same restrictions and need for consent before sharing.

I have read and agree to these terms and conditions.  **CONFIRM** **CANCEL**

The main interface also shows a sidebar with navigation options, a 'MORE INFO' button, and a 'COMMENTS' section.

# External Inheritance – Inheritance Model: Requests Submitted by Assessed Entity

- New inheritance enhancements improves transparency of usage and status with new icons, color-coding indicators, and informative pop-ups (MyCSF Release 1.15)

02 ENDPOINT PROTECTION

Includes laptops, workstations, storage, (e.g., NAS) and servers

This domain is filtered to only show the selected requirement statement.

1. The organization safeguards information system output devices (e.g., printers) to help prevent unauthorized individuals from obtaining the output.

Submitted but not approved or rejected

INHERITANCE FOR

The organization safeguards information system output devices (e.g., printers) to help prevent unauthorized individuals from obtaining the output.

BUID: 0211.01g1Organizational.2 | CVID: 0111.0

Requests Scoring

Type of Inheritance: External

EXTERNAL INHERITANCE

Select Subscriber / Assessment:

Weight	Provider Name	Assessment Name
50	SOFTWARE_QC	SSRS_Test_FinalReportU

Is this Statement partially inherited?

The remaining weight will be applied to your organization.

CANCEL

INHERITANCE FOR

The organization safeguards information system output devices (e.g., printers) to help prevent unauthorized individuals from obtaining the output.

BUID: 0211.01g1Organizational.2 | CVID: 0111.0

Requests Scoring

Type	Assessment	Requested Inheritance Weight %	Inheritance Status	Req. deemed applicable?	Policy Score	Procedure Score	Imp. Score	Measured Score	Managed Score	Overall Score
External	SOFTWARE_QC-SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload (v9.4   r2)	50%	Submitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	This Assessment	50%	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Raw Requirement Score	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Final, rubric normalized score	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CANCEL SAVE

- The Inheritance Modal only shows inherited assessment scores *after* the Inheritance Provider approves the request (MyCSF Release 1.15)

# External Inheritance – Inheritance Model: Requests Approved by Inheritance Provider

- New inheritance enhancements adds 2<sup>nd</sup> scoring tab that provides a breakdown of the complex rubric-based scoring of inherited assessment scores (MyCSF Release 1.15)
  - Works with the new *Inheritance Calculator* on MyCSF Help
  - The most voted UserVoice idea!

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HITRUST  
01 ALFA ROMEO (THE CAR)  
R2 VALIDATED

Name & Security  
Admin & Scoping  
Assessment Options  
Organization Information  
Scope of the Assessment  
Default Scoring Profile  
Factors  
Reservation  
Assessment

01 - Information Protection Program  
02 - Endpoint Protection  
03 - Portable Media Security  
04 - Mobile Device Security  
05 - Wireless Security  
06 - Configuration Management

02 ENDPOINT PROTECTION  
← 01 INFORMATION PROTECTION PROGRAM 03 PORTABLE M...

Includes laptops, workstations, storage, (e.g., NAS) and servers

This domain is filtered to only show the selected requirement statement.  
[SHOW THE ENTIRE DOMAIN.](#)

1. The organization safeguards information system output devices (e.g., printers) to help prevent unauthorized individuals from obtaining the output.

N/A? Policy Procedure Implemented Measured Managed

BUID: 0211.01g1Organizational.2 | CVID: 0111.0  
Evaluative Elements: 1

Response Status: Incomplete, external inheritance request(s) approved but not yet applied.

← 01 INFORMATION PROTECTION PROGRAM 03 PORTABLE MEDIA SECURITY →

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INHERITANCE FOR

The organization safeguards information system output devices (e.g., printers) to help prevent unauthorized individuals from obtaining the output.

BUID: 0211.01g1Organizational.2 | CVID: 0111.0

Requests Scoring

Type of Inheritance:  
External

EXTERNAL INHERITANCE  
Select Subscriber / Assessment:

Weight Provider Name Assessment

50 SOFTWARE\_QC SSRS...

Is this Statement partially inherited?   
The remaining weight will be applied to your...

CANCEL

INHERITANCE FOR

The organization safeguards information system output devices (e.g., printers) to help prevent unauthorized individuals from obtaining the output.

BUID: 0211.01g1Organizational.2 | CVID: 0111.0

Requests Scoring

Type	Assessment	Requested Inheritance Weight %	Inheritance Status	Reg. deemed applicable?	Policy Score	Procedure Score	Imp. Score	Measured Score	Managed Score	Overall Score
External	SOFTWARE_QC - SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload (v9.4   r2)	50%	Approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25%	25%	25%	0%	0%	18.75
-	This Assessment	50%	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Raw Requirement Score	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Final, rubric normalized score	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CANCEL SAVE

# Internal & External Inheritance – Inheritance Table for the Assessed Entity

- Assessment-level Inheritance Table is used for submitting external inheritance requests (per request or in bulk) to the Inheritance Provider for processing and checking status
  - New enhancement adds **Internal Inheritance** support and title of page renamed (included in MyCSF Release 1.15 & 1.16)
  - New enhancement adds new data filtering functionality for improved usability (MyCSF Release 1.15)
  - New enhancement refreshes the table's data fields (i.e., CVID, request aging, etc.) for improved transparency and to align to newer functionality enhancements (MyCSF Release 1.15)

The screenshot displays the MyCSF Inheritance Table interface. The title 'INHERITANCE' is highlighted in a red box. The table lists various inheritance requests with columns for Request Status, Reason For Rejection, Inheritable Assessment, Cross-Version ID (CVID), Baseline Unique ID (BUID), Requirement Statement, Weight (%), Age, Date Created, Date Submitted to Provider, Date Approved or Rejected, and Date Applied. The 'Inheritance' menu item in the left sidebar is also highlighted in a red box.

Request Status	Reason For Rejection	Inheritable Assessment	Cross-Version ID (CVID)	Baseline Unique ID (BUID)	Requirement Statement	Weight (%)	Age	Date Created	Date Submitted to Provider	Date Approved or Rejected	Date Applied
Approved by provider and not yet applied		SOFTWARE_QC-SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload (6/24/2021   v9.4   [2])	0001.0	0101.00a1Organizational.123		100	36	8/18/2022 4:59 PM		9/23/2022 4:42 PM	
Created and not yet submitted to provider		SOFTWARE_QC-Castle Greyskull	0110.0	0210.01g1Organizational.1		75	35	8/19/2022 9:56 AM			
Submitted to provider for review		SOFTWARE_QC-SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload (6/24/2021   v9.4   [2])	0111.0	0211.01g1Organizational.2		50	35	8/19/2022 10:40 AM	9/23/2022 4:43 PM		
N/A		HITRUST - Castle Greyskull (      [2])	0001.0	0101.00a1Organizational.123				8/20/2020 12:34 PM			
N/A		HITRUST - 4/6 Test (      [2])	0001.0	0101.00a1Organizational.123				5/3/2021 11:48 AM			
N/A	Internal	HITRUST - Castle Greyskull (      [2])	0297.0	0104.02a1Organizational.12				8/20/2020 12:33 PM			
N/A	N/A	HITRUST - z-Resource for Monitoring RS (      [2])	0999.0	0301.09a1Organizational.123				2/17/2022 10:07 AM			

# Internal & External Inheritance – Creating / Submitting Requests (via Offline Template) by Assessed Entity

- New inheritance enhancement adds inheritance functionality to the Offline Assessment Template (MyCSF Release 1.16)
  - Supports both internal and external inheritance
  - Streamlines assessment process by allowing inheritance to be requested/applied in bulk
  - Includes enhanced data import error reporting and user guidance

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

Request Status	Baseline Unique ID	Inherited Assessment	Weight (%)
Applied	0101.00a1Organizational.123	HITRUST / Castle Greyskull	-1
Applied	0101.00a1Organizational.123	HITRUST / 4/6 Test	-1
Applied	0104.02a1Organizational.12	HITRUST / Castle Greyskull	-1
Applied	0301.09o1Organizational.123	HITRUST / z-Resource for Monitoring RS	-1
Submitted	0101.00a1Organizational.123	SOFTWARE_QC / SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload	100
Created	0210.01g1Organizational.1	SOFTWARE_QC / SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload	75
Created	0211.01g1Organizational.2	SOFTWARE_QC / SSRS_Test_FinalReportUpload	50

The 'Inheritance' tab is highlighted in the bottom navigation bar.

# CVID-Enable Inheritance

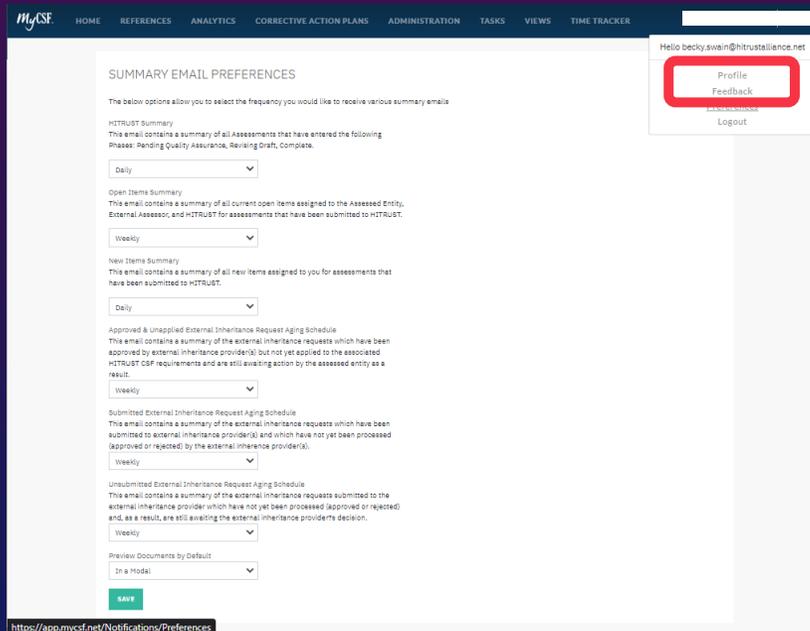
- New inheritance enhancement changes the logic to use the CVID for cross-version inheritance instead of the BUID (MyCSF Release 15)
  - Fixes the incorrect control matches with same BUID that should break cross-version inheritance
  - Enables cross-version for INTERNAL inheritance
  - Improves transparency of HITRUST CSF control lifecycle
  - Expands inheritability of other duplicate controls via new CVID matching table administrative tool
  - Control requirement's CVID/BUID pair now visible in the MyCSF assessment objects/library & HITRUST SRMs

The screenshot shows a requirement card in the MyCSF assessment tool. The requirement text is "1. Vendor defaults for wireless access points are changed prior to authorizing the implementation of the access point." Below the text, the BUID and CVID are displayed: "BUID: 0501.09m1Organizational.1 | CVID: 0926.0". A red box highlights this text. To the right, there are dropdown menus for "Policy" (25%), "Procedure" (100%), "Implemented" (100%), "Measured" (0%), and "Managed" (0%). Below these are buttons for "MORE INFO", "SAVE", "Delegate to others", "Linked documents", "Inheritance", "Diary entries", and "CAP".

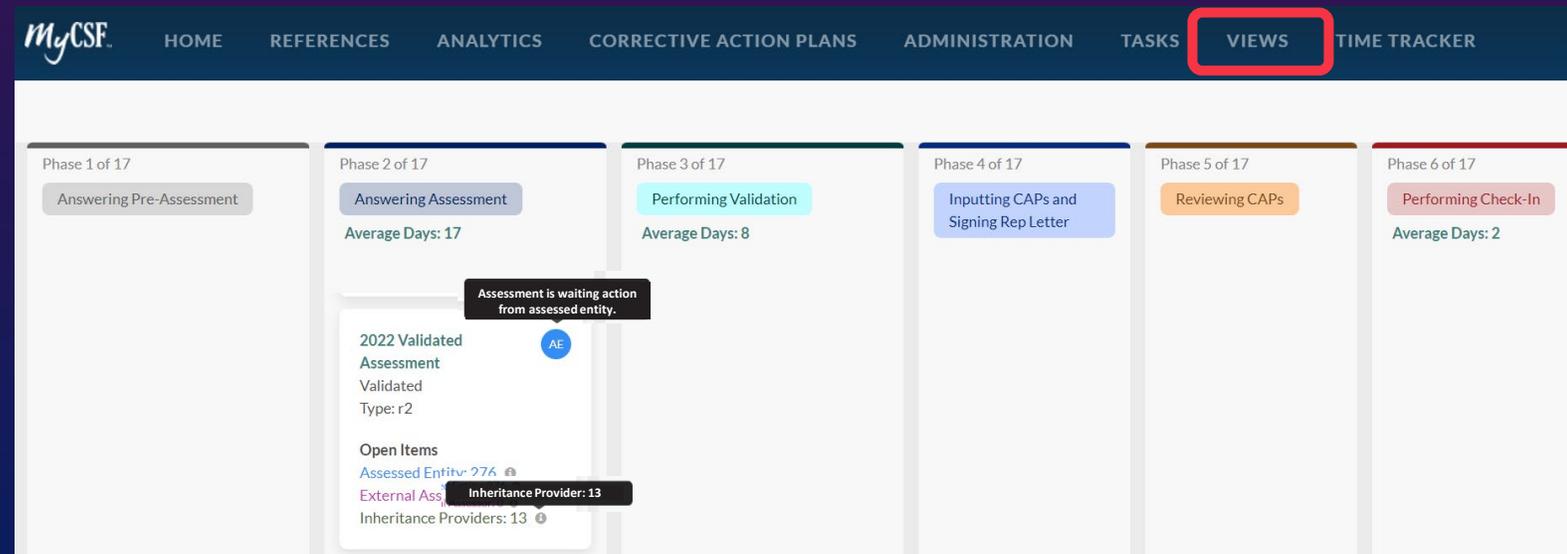
Reference Number	Baseline Unique ID	Cross-version ID	Requirement Statement
198	0501.09m1Organizational.1	0926.0	Vendor defaults for wireless access points are changed prior to authorizing the implementation of the access point.
<p><b>Illustrative Procedure for Policy:</b> Examine policies and/or standards related to the management of wireless access points and determine if the following must occur prior to authorizing the implementation of wireless access points: (i) vendor default encryption keys; (ii) encryption keys anytime anyone with knowledge of the keys leaves the company or changes positions; (iii) default SNMP community strings on wireless devices; (iv) default passwords/passphrases on access points; and, (v) other security-related wireless vendor defaults, if applicable. Validate the existence of a written policy or standard. Review any written procedures, or examine documentation associated with formal or informal processes, to determine if the policy/control requirements are addressed consistently by the organization. If a written policy or standard does not exist, interview responsible parties to confirm their understanding of the policy/control requirements. Evidence of an informal policy may be demonstrated by observing individuals, systems, and/or processes associated with said policy or standard to determine if the policy/control requirements are generally understood and implemented consistently.</p> <p><b>Illustrative Procedure for Process:</b> For the management of wireless access points, validate written procedures exist and confirm each element of the policy/control requirements stipulated in the policy level are addressed. Interview responsible parties to confirm the procedures address all required elements of the policy/control requirements, irrespective of the existence of a written policy/procedure. Note the responsible parties understanding of the procedures, as implemented, and compare against any existing written procedures to validate consistency.</p> <p><b>Illustrative Procedure for Implemented:</b> For the management of wireless access points, evidence policy/control requirements stipulated in the policy level have been implemented, e.g., examine relevant documentation, observe relevant processes, interview responsible parties. For example, select a sample of wireless access points, determine if default encryption keys, SNMP community strings, passwords/passphrases, and other vendor defaults have been changed. Examine evidence or attempt to authenticate to the device through publicly and well known default authentication data to confirm that vendor defaults have been changed. Further, select a sample of terminations and transfers of personnel with knowledge of wireless encryption keys and examine evidence to confirm that the wireless encryption keys were changed. Examine measure(s) that evaluate the organization's compliance with the network security policy and determine if the measures address implementation of the policy/control requirements stipulated in the policy level. For example, measures indicate the number of wireless access points where vendor defaults have not been changed, as a percent of all wireless access points. Reviews, tests, or audits are completed by the organization to measure the effectiveness of the implemented controls and to confirm that the vendor defaults for wireless access points are changed prior to authorizing the implementation of the access point. Note: More general measures may be used if a root cause analysis, or similar examination, would indicate the stipulated policy/control requirements as the source of the observed deviation. A measure could also include regular, or ad hoc, reports or audits, if it considers implementation of the appropriate policy/control requirements. If a metric adequately evaluates implementation of the policy/control requirements, also determine if the metric's frequency of observation (e.g., daily, weekly, monthly) and performance targets (e.g., above 99%, no more than 5%) are appropriate for the policy/control requirements.</p> <p><b>Illustrative Procedure for Managed:</b> Examine metrics, measures, tests, or audits for evidence that the responsible parties reviewed the information and, for issues identified, evidence of investigation and remediation is present. Verify if said parties are able to remediate issues without the need to routinely escalate; however, the ability to escalate issues must also exist, in the event the root cause of a specific issue cannot be addressed by the responsible parties. Examine related records to validate responsible parties conducted follow-ups on issues identified to verify remediation. If written records do not exist, interview responsible parties to understand ad hoc processes used for investigation and remediation, as well confirm if any issues were identified and remediated.</p>			

# External Inheritance – Enhanced Status Reporting for Inheritance Providers / Assessed Entities

- New configurable email notifications with inheritance request aging schedules in user preferences (MyCSF Release 1.15)



- Pending inheritance requests added to Kanban Board (MyCSF Release 1.15)



# External Inheritance – General User Guidance for the Assessed Entity

- Assessed Entities should work closely with their External Assessor team when utilizing external inheritance (and/or contact your HITRUST CSM/Support for further assistance) and use the following as a step-by-step guideline...

## STEP 1

The Assessed Entity has confirmed as having a ***valid business justification*** for utilizing external inheritance by meeting HITRUST's Subscriber & CSF Assurance requirements qualifications (listed on next slide).

## STEP 2

The Assessed Entity has a ***rationalized approach*** for weighting external inheritance requests that was derived with input from:

- The HITRUST SRM to determine the inheritability values of controls (SRM Type)
- AND**
- Understanding of what portion of the assessment scope is reasonably covered by the third-party organization's common HITRUST CSF controls.

# HITRUST Customer Qualifications: **Assessed Entity**

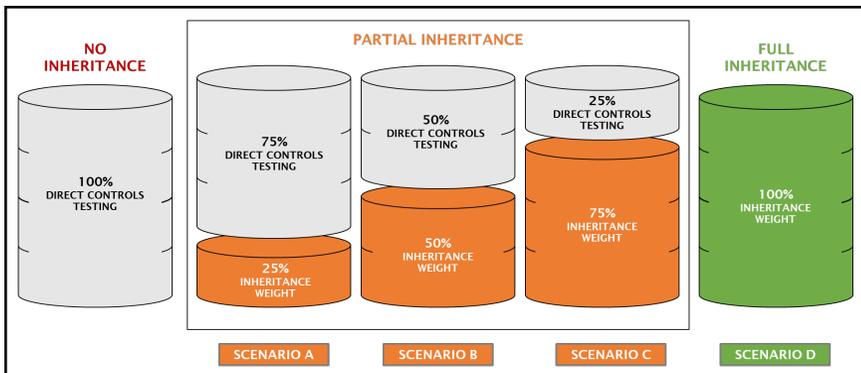
Type	Description
MyCSF Subscription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INTERNAL INHERITANCE: Assessment owner is an active annual MyCSF subscriber with a Corporate or Premier-level subscription.</li> <li>EXTERNAL INHERITANCE: Assessment owner is an active annual MyCSF subscriber with a Professional, Corporate or Premier-level subscription.</li> </ul>
HITRUST Assurance Requirements	<p>EXTERNAL INHERITANCE (ONLY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There exists a valid business justification for the Assessed Entity, as a relying party, to request External Inheritance by qualifying for both of the following scoping conditions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Inheriting assessment type—The assessment is a supported HITRUST Validated or Readiness Assessment type that allows use of External Inheritance.</li> <li>✓ Customer verification—The Assessed Entity is an active customer of the Inheritance Provider with a direct contractual arrangement in place (still in good standing) that can be verified by the Inheritance Provider.</li> <li>✓ Common assessment scope—The inheriting assessment scope boundary includes the Inheritance Provider’s products/services and associated common CSF control requirements covered by the inheritable assessment scope.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Inheritance requests are submitted to the Inheritance Provider for approval and applied before the end of the 90-day assessment testing period (including consenting to terms/conditions for inheritance-related sharing/exchange of privileged customer information).</li> </ul>

# External Inheritance – General User Guidance for the Assessed Entity (cont.)

- Partial inheritance (with  $1 < x < 99\%$  weight) can be nuanced/complex but helped by using the new **Inheritance Calculator** assessment tool now available on MyCSF Help via

<https://help.mycsf.net/inheritance-calc/>

- Scenario A:** 25% weight of control inheritability
- Scenario B:** 50% weight of control inheritability
- Scenario C:** 75% weight of control inheritability
- Scenario D:** 100% weight of control inheritability



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### Inheritance Calculator

Use this calculator to explore different scoring scenarios involving inheritance without needing to make actual inheritance requests in MyCSF. To use, simply set the inheritance weights and control maturity scores for each inheritance provider and set the control maturity scores for the "My Assessment" row as well. Add or remove inheritance providers as needed using the + and - buttons. The requirement can be made N/A by removing the checkbox in the "Requirement Deemed Applicable" column. The calculator is fully up-to-date on all HITRUST Assurance Program advisories and attempts to mirror MyCSF's inheritance scoring logic, but MyCSF should always be viewed as the source of truth for scoring calculations. [Learn more about inheritance here.](#) [See usage Disclaimer.](#)

Type of HITRUST Assessment: Risk based, 2 year (v)

Include measured and managed?: No (v)

Data point	Assessment Type	Inheritance Weight (%)	Applicable?	Policy Score	Process Score	Implemented Score	Measured Score	Managed Score	Overall Score
Inheritance Provider 1	r2 (v)	50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100 (v)	100 (v)	100 (v)	0 (v)	0 (v)	75
+ My assessment	r2	50%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100 (v)	100 (v)	100 (v)	0 (v)	0 (v)	75
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Raw requirement score				100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Final, rubric-normalized score				100	100	100	0	0	

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# External Inheritance – General User Guidance for the Assessed Entity (cont.)

- The HITRUST SRM is an essential guideline for determining the inheritability values of external controls based on SRM Type
- Assessed Entities can download the HITRUST SRMs tailored for Inheritance Providers, or if unavailable, use HITRUST’s baseline template
- **Important** to keep in mind:
  - Not all control requirements should be inherited (i.e., SRM Type 1 controls)
  - Not all control requirements should be fully inherited (with 100% weight)

# The HITRUST Shared Responsibility Matrix<sup>®</sup> (SRM) – Baseline Template

- Resolves **cloudy** uncertainty and ambiguity by clearly defining how to rely on shared information security and privacy controls
- Built on the first vendor-agnostic **shared responsibility model** suited for shared cloud-hosted platforms and application services
- Provides an out-of-box blueprint with pre-populated inheritability values, referred to as **SRM Types**, assigned to over 2,000 HITRUST CSF control requirements
- Tailored for HITRUST's **Inheritance Providers** as a benefit for their relying customers to download from HITRUST's website or via MyCSF.

Inheritability Value	Applicable SRM Type(s)
<b>NO INHERITANCE</b> (0% weight)	<b>SRM Type 1</b> – Entity-Level / Organizational Internal Controls  <b>SRM Type 2</b> – Third-Party Manual / Administrative Controls (Shared)
<b>PARTIAL INHERITANCE</b> (1 < x < 99% weight)	<b>SRM Type 4</b> – Technical / Automated Controls (Tangible)  <b>SRM Type 5</b> – Technical / Automated Controls (Intangible)
<b>FULL INHERITANCE</b> (100% weight)	<b>SRM Type 2</b> – Third-Party Manual / Administrative Controls (Not Shared)  <b>SRM Type 3</b> – Physical Access / Environmental Security Controls

# HITRUST SRM – Baseline Template: External Controls Inheritability Values (SRM Types)

SRM Type	Definition
<b>SRM Type 1</b> <i>Entity-Level / Organizational Internal Controls</i>	<p>The control is <b>NOT INHERITABLE</b> if no portion of the control must involve or be shared with/outsourced to another third-party organization as a material dependency for the assessed entity to sufficiently perform and the external assessor to validate implementation of the control (note: these controls may be internally inheritable).</p> <p>Example control activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entity-level/organizational policies, programs, and processes</li><li>• User personnel conduct or HR-related involving personnel on/off-boarding and training</li><li>• Internal use of corporate/shared IT services</li><li>• Scope limited to only locally-hosted or on-prem sites and facilities, including remote or teleworker locations, that do not share technical interfaces and/or remote user access or network connectivity involving technologies or user personnel belonging to the third-party organization</li></ul>

# HITRUST SRM – Baseline Template: External Controls Inheritability Values (SRM Types)

SRM Type	Definition
<b>SRM Type 2</b> <i>Third-Party Manual / Administrative Controls</i>	<p>The control may qualify for <b>PARTIAL INHERITANCE</b> if a partial portion or <b>FULL INHERITANCE</b> if a total portion of the control must involve or be shared with/outsourced to another third-party organization as a material dependency for the assessed entity to sufficiently perform (and the external assessor to validate) implementation of the control <u>AND</u> the control can be characterized as having administrative or manual processing qualities that require some form or element of action taken by user personnel belonging to the third-party organization.</p> <p>Example control activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vendor, supplier, or cyber supply-chain or other related risk and assurance activities</li><li>• Service contracting or other forms of legal arrangements</li><li>• Joint privacy compliance obligations between covered entities/business associates or data controllers/processors</li></ul>

# HITRUST SRM – Baseline Template: External Controls Inheritability Values (SRM Types)

SRM Type	Definition
<b>SRM Type 3</b> <i>Physical Access / Environmental Security Controls</i>	<p>The control may qualify for <b>FULL INHERITANCE</b> if a total portion of the control must involve or be shared with/outsourced to another third-party organization as a material dependency for the assessed entity to sufficiently perform (and the external assessor to validate) implementation of the control <u>AND</u> the control can be characterized as having physical qualities that require some form or element of action taken by user personnel belonging to the third-party organization.</p> <p>Example control activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Involves provisioning and controlling of user access or use of environmental security measure for protection of off-prem or collocated facilities, or facilities that host external third-party services, i.e., SaaS-based mobile or web applications, shared cloud infrastructures/platforms (IaaS/PaaS), and datacenter hosting services</li></ul>

# HITRUST SRM – Baseline Template: External Controls Inheritability Values (SRM Types)

SRM Type	Definition
<b>SRM Type 4</b> <i>Technical / Automated Controls (Tangible)</i>	<p>The control may qualify for <b>PARTIAL INHERITANCE</b> if a partial portion or <b>FULL INHERITANCE</b> if a total portion of the control must involve or be shared with/outsourced to another third-party organization as a material dependency for the assessed entity to sufficiently perform (and the external assessor to validate) implementation of the control <u>AND</u> the control can be characterized as having both physical and technical qualities that require some form or element of action taken by user personnel belonging to the third-party organization.</p> <p>Example control activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Involves placement, treatment, handling, configuration, or use of tangible forms of portable/mobile or stationary hardware-based technologies or other forms of system component, cabling or equipment located off-prem but may share technical interfaces and/or remote user access or network connectivity involving technologies or user personnel belonging to the assessed entity</li></ul>

# HITRUST SRM – Baseline Template: External Controls Inheritability Values (SRM Types)

SRM Type	Definition
<b>SRM Type 5</b> <i>Technical / Automated Controls (Intangible)</i>	<p>The control may qualify for <b>PARTIAL INHERITANCE</b> if a partial portion or <b>FULL INHERITANCE</b> if a total portion of the control must involve or be shared with/outsourced to another third-party organization as a material dependency for the assessed entity to sufficiently perform (and the external assessor to validate) implementation of the control <u>AND</u> the control can be characterized as having logical or automated technical qualities that require some form or element of action taken by user personnel belonging to the third-party organization.</p> <p>Example control activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Involves placement, treatment, handling, configuration, or use of tangible forms of portable/mobile or stationary hardware-based technologies or other forms of system component, cabling or equipment located off-prem but may share technical interfaces and/or remote user access or network connectivity involving technologies or user personnel belonging to the assessed entity</li></ul>



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