IRAP

Expert Advisory Services for Australian Public Sector Compliance

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What is IRAP?

The Infosec Registered Assessors Program (IRAP), governed by the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) provides a framework for assessing the security of cloud systems used by the Australian Government.

- **Decentralized & Flexible:** IRAP is not a centrally managed authorization program—no sponsor is required, registered IRAP Assessors perform assessments, consumer agencies review results, and there is no centralized marketplace of assessed products.
- **Independent Assessments:** Registered IRAP Assessors evaluate systems but do not certify, accredit, or endorse them; risk decisions are made by the consumer agency.
- **Risk-Based Evaluation:** IRAP focuses on how the Information Security Manual (ISM) is implemented and the residual risk to customer data, allowing agencies to make informed decisions based on their own risk tolerance.

38North Security's IRAP Services

38North Security offers unmatched expertise in Australian Public Sector compliance, built on decades of experience and direct contributions to the ASD. Our President and Founder, Matt Earley, a former ASD official, helped shape the very standards upon which IRAP is built.

With this deep-rooted knowledge, we ensure your IRAP journey is streamlined, strategic, and fully aligned with the latest Australian security requirements. We embed an experienced IRAP Assessor from the start to provide strategic insight into data sovereignty requirements while preserving their independence as required for a successful IRAP assessment.

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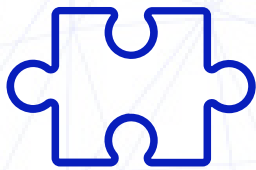
Gap Analysis

We assess your security controls against ISM requirements, define and scope system boundaries, lead technical workshops to review architecture and design, and deliver a prioritized, actionable roadmap—ensuring your environment is ready for IRAP Assessor scrutiny.
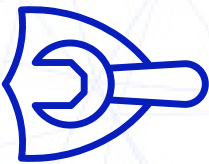
Implementation and Remediation

If gaps are identified, our engineering team provides targeted technical solutions to enhance your security posture, ensuring a faster, more compliant route to IRAP certification.

Package Development

We develop a complete documentation package, leveraging technical interviews and existing artifacts to produce key deliverables such as the System Overview Document, SSP Guideline Chapters, security plans and policies, Statement of Applicability, etc.—ensuring readiness for assessment and maximizing acceptance by the Australian government.

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Attestation

We partner with IRAP Assessors on early-stage assessment to evaluate your system's alignment with ISM requirements. If sufficient confidence is established, a formal Attestation Letter is issued, demonstrating readiness for full IRAP certification. You may use this letter to support sales and assurance efforts.

Assessment

An IRAP Assessor performs an in-depth evaluation of your security controls—including documentation review, evidence collection, and stakeholder interviews—culminating in a formal IRAP Assessment Report that outlines implementation status and residual risks to demonstrate alignment with ISM requirements.
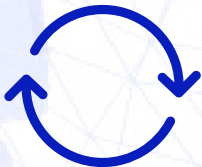
Continuous Monitoring

Post-assessment, we assist in maintaining up-to-date documentation and security controls to stay aligned with quarterly ISM updates and any changes imposed by the ASD.

Why Choose 38North Security?

Experienced Team: Led by our President and seasoned IRAP Assessors—all former ASD officials who contributed directly to the ISM—38North Security brings unmatched insight and continuity, with several team members among the original IRAP Assessors supporting the program since its inception.

Integrated Standards Support: Our engagement includes alignment with interrelated standards such as the Essential Eight, Hosting Certification Framework (HCF), and the Security of Critical Infrastructure (SoCI) legislation--key to expanding your market reach into both Government and the private sector.

Local Presence and Ongoing Partnership: With our Australian office launching soon, we're committed to delivering local, long-term support beyond IRAP—ensuring a trusted, on-the-ground partner as you scale within the region.

Unmatched Expertise: We are one of the few US-based firms providing both IRAP advisory and assessment services in the US, with work conducted locally by experienced and certified professionals.

Let's Talk IRAP

Partner with 38North Security for an efficient, comprehensive IRAP journey and unlock opportunities in the Australian government and private sector.

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