

EQF LEVEL MAPPING

Global Competence Certification Standard

EQF 4

Qualification	Cybersecurity Management Specialist
Code	GCCS-CBR-001
Line	GCCS Cyber
Domain	Cybersecurity

EQF Level 4 — Descriptor

EQF Level 4 corresponds to factual and theoretical knowledge in broad contexts within a field of work or study. The holder can generate solutions to specific, well-defined problems using a range of cognitive and practical skills, exercise self-management within work or study contexts that are usually predictable but subject to change, and supervise the routine work of others, taking some responsibility for the evaluation and improvement of work or study activities.

Rationale for Level Assignment

The Cybersecurity Management Specialist qualification is assigned to EQF Level 4 because it requires broad factual and theoretical knowledge across several interconnected areas of a defined field of work — national and EU cybersecurity regulations (including NIS2 and the KSC Act), the stages and documentation of IT system audits, the components of organisational, personal, and technical security policy, the stages of cybersecurity risk analysis, and personal data protection principles under GDPR.

Candidates are required to recognise, describe, and classify information correctly within these areas — such as identifying the correct sequence of audit or incident-response steps, matching remedial actions or safeguards to a described risk scenario, and recognising situations that require escalation within a cybersecurity team. These are well-defined, largely predictable tasks addressed through recall, description, and classification, rather than the development of creative or original solutions to abstract, unpredictable problems.

The level sits below EQF 5 because, while the subject matter spans several legal, technical, and organisational domains, all learning outcomes are verified exclusively through a theoretical test. There is no method within the qualification that confirms the ability to independently perform complex, non-routine tasks in real working conditions, nor any confirmed responsibility for managing or supervising the work of others. The qualification therefore evidences broad theoretical orientation within the field, rather than the demonstrated practical autonomy, creative problem-solving, and supervisory responsibility characteristic of EQF Level 5.