What is CREST CAMP?

CREST CAMP (Cyber Accelerated Maturity Programme) is an international capacity-building initiative designed to support the growth and development of cybersecurity service providers and professionals. The programme helps organisations benchmark themselves against global standards, strengthen their capabilities, and progress toward CREST Membership and Accreditation with funded access to the Accreditation Pathway.

Who funds CREST CAMP?

CREST CAMP is funded through government development budgets and philanthropic grants. The programme is currently supported by:

- The **UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)**, which funds CREST CAMP across 11 countries.
- The **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**, which funds a separate programme in Morocco focusing on cybersecurity service providers.

Which countries are involved?

CREST CAMP currently operates in **Armenia, Bahrain, Georgia, Ghana, Kenya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, and Thailand**. However, more may be added in the future.

Who can participate in CREST CAMP?

CREST CAMP is designed for cybersecurity service providers that deliver external-facing cyber services such as penetration testing, incident response, security operations, and cyber threat intelligence. Organisations interested in raising their maturity levels and working toward CREST Accreditation are encouraged to apply.

How do I apply for CREST CAMP?

If your organisation is based in a participating country, you can register your interest via the **CREST CAMP online portal**. Upon submission, your eligibility will be assessed, and successful applicants will be onboarded into the programme.

Is there a cost to participate?

No, CREST CAMP is fully funded for participating organisations. The programme covers:

- Access to Pathway and Pathway+ status
- Self-assessment tools
- Gap analysis reports
- Mentorship from CREST Member companies
- Training opportunities and exam vouchers (where applicable)

What are the key stages of CREST CAMP?

1. **Pathway Onboarding Form** – Organisations submit an onboarding form and sign the CREST Terms & Conditions.
2. **Self-Assessment** – Organisations complete an assessment to benchmark themselves against CREST standards.
3. **Gap Analysis Report** – A detailed analysis is provided, identifying strengths and areas for improvement.
4. **Mentorship** – Eligible organisations are matched with experienced CREST Member companies to receive targeted guidance.
5. **Training & Certification Support** – Participants may receive access to CREST-aligned training and exam vouchers.
6. **Pathway+ Status** – Organisations demonstrating progress receive recognition on the CREST website.
7. **Progression to Membership** – Companies meeting CREST standards can apply for full CREST Membership (subject to funding availability).

What is Pathway+ status, and how does it benefit my organisation?

Pathway+ is a formal recognition that your organisation has completed the self-assessment, received mentorship, and made tangible improvements toward accreditation. Pathway+ benefits include:

- A **Pathway+ logo** for use on marketing materials
- Listing on the **CREST website**
- A **15% discount on CREST Practitioner-level exams**
- Continued access to the **CREST cyber community and resources**

Does CREST CAMP guarantee CREST Membership?

No, participation in CREST CAMP does not guarantee Membership. However, it provides structured support to help organisations meet the necessary standards. Organisations that wish to pursue Membership beyond the programme can **self-fund their application** or wait for funding determinations (made on a case-by-case basis).

How does the mentorship process work?

Selected organisations are paired with an experienced CREST Member based on service discipline and where possible national or regional linkages. Mentorship engagements typically involve:

- **Structured sessions over a minimum of 4 days** focused on strengthening policies, methodologies, and operational practices.
- **A roadmap** to determine readiness for accreditation.

Are training courses included in CREST CAMP?

Some selected training providers within CREST CAMP offer **training courses aligned with CREST certifications** such as Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst (CPTIA), Practitioner Security Analyst (CPSA), and Practitioner Intrusion Analyst (CPIA). However, these are limited and selected in conversation with the national authorities and relevant donors.

Are exam vouchers provided?

Some, eligible participants may receive fully funded exam vouchers for CREST certifications. However, voucher distribution is limited and based on funding availability.

What happens after completing CREST CAMP?

At the end of the programme, organisations will:

- Receive **a final mentoring report** outlining progress and recommendations.
- Be **awarded Pathway+ status** if they meet the required criteria.
- Have the option to **proceed to full CREST Membership**, either through funding (if selected) or self-funding their application.

How can my organisation continue its journey toward CREST Membership?

If your organisation is ready to pursue CREST Membership, you can **apply for full Membership independently** by covering registration, joining, and annual fees.

Can we use the CREST logo after completing CREST CAMP?

Organisations achieving either **Pathway** or **Pathway+ status** can use the **Pathway** and **Pathway+ logos** respectively for one year. However, only fully accredited **CREST Member companies** can use the **CREST Membership logo**. It is important at this stage, to ensure you are not advertising yourself as being accredited.