Why PCI DSS 3.0?

To stay competitive in terms of security and compliance, organizations need a structured, predictable, and continuous approach to solving ongoing challenges that’s easy enough to do every day. By raising security standards and making PCI DSS compliance the status quo, organizations can monitor the effectiveness of their security controls and maintain their PCI DSS compliant environment.

PCI DSS 3.0 helps organizations focus on security, not compliance, by making payment security business-as-usual. How?

PCI DSS 3.0: What You Need to Know

1. Increased Education and Awareness

- Organizations can implement the password strength that is appropriate for their security strategy.
- Greater flexibility recognizes there is more than one way to do security, allowing organizations to choose the approach that works best for their business.

What’s New?
- Req. 8.2.3 – Allows for organizations to implement the password strength that is appropriate for its security strategy
- Req. 15.6 – More flexibility to prioritize log reviews based on organization’s risk management strategy

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2. Greater Flexibility

- 63 percent of investigations identifying a security deficiency easily exploited by hackers revealed a third party responsible for system support, development, or maintenance.
- Many businesses are adopting an outsourced, third-party/IT operations model, but this can be a security risk.
- As industry leaders, we need to work together to manage risks and keep information secure.

What’s New?
- Guidance on outsourcing PCI DSS responsibilities
- Req. 12.8 – PCI DSS responsibilities for service providers

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3. Security as a Shared Responsibility

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What’s New?
- Req. 8.2.3 – Allows for organizations to implement the password strength that is appropriate for its security strategy
- Req. 10.6 – More flexibility to prioritize log reviews based on organization’s risk management strategy

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Following PCI DSS is not only good for business, 9 out of 10 security professionals recommend it for payment security.

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