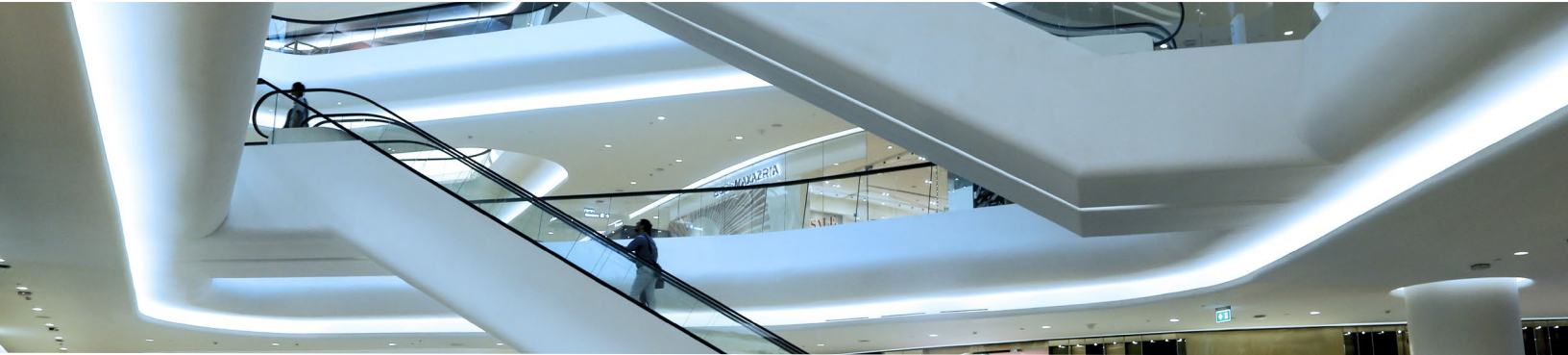




AGIO PCI 360° COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

for the Alternative Investment Industry



The consequences of a data breach involving customer card data can be far-reaching and devastating. For merchants, the aftermath of such an incident is a time-consuming and resource-intensive ordeal, involving costly remediation efforts, potential fines, and reputational damage.

Whether you outsource services, engage contractors, or manage a portfolio of companies in the commerce space, any third-party service provider (TPSP) with access to your systems or data can directly impact your cybersecurity and compliance posture. As a result, PCI DSS regulations extend far beyond the merchant level, encompassing all TPSPs that have access to cardholder data, mandating their adherence to the rigorous compliance standards.

Verizon's 2023 Data Breach Investigations Report highlights payment card data as one of the most commonly breached data types, accounting for an alarming 37 percent of all breaches.¹ The report also notes a notable uptick in the theft of payment card data compared to the previous year, underscoring the persistent allure of this valuable commodity for cybercriminals. As such, it's evident that payment card data remains a highly coveted target for attackers, necessitating robust defensive measures.

Enter Agio PCI 360° Compliance Program.

THE PROGRAM

As a trusted PCI Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) for fifteen years, our program is tailored to address PCI compliance for merchants and service providers alike. Agio PCI 360° Compliance Program is a holistic, programmatic approach to achieving and maintaining PCI compliance through proactive collaboration and CISO-style guidance, with a long-term view towards strengthening your security posture. Led by your assigned QSA and dedicated Project Manager, our annual program helps you make steady progress against PCI milestones throughout the year, as we collaborate with you at a sustainable pace. What's more, Agio PCI 360° Compliance Program realizes cost benefits by amortizing your PCI spend throughout the year, providing a manageable, predictable, and digestible budget.

PROACTIVE LIFECYCLE

Maintaining PCI compliance requires a month-in, month-out commitment to habitual activities that maintain compliance and fortify your cybersecurity defenses. While it's typical to focus a high level of effort on compliance activities for a concentrated period of time, we spread those activities over the course of 12 months, so they become more manageable and less disruptive to your organization.

Instead of having a steep climb to compliance every year, Agio PCI 360° Compliance Program manages the process for you, with a prescribed, yet digestible, level of steady effort. By fitting into your existing security and compliance framework and augmenting the expertise and specific skills your firm already possesses, we form a custom partnership that maximizes your benefit.

We know what it takes to be compliant, and we're going to get you there. Specifically, our partnership with you includes the following activities, which can be customized to fit the size and maturity of your organization.

- Policy review and development
- Gap analysis against the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS)
- Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV) external vulnerability scanning
- Penetration testing
- Incident response testing
- Proactive monitoring of domain names and DNS services
- Security awareness training
- Program management, plus a web portal for PCI compliance collaboration
- Ad hoc security and compliance consulting
- Assistance with your SAQ or a formal ROC assessment.

CISO-STYLE GUIDANCE

Every company subject to the PCI DSS needs an experienced guide to help them navigate the compliance waters, specific to their unique needs. With Agio PCI 360° Compliance Program you get CISO-level advice from one of our experienced QSAs to ensure you understand the nature of your environment against the backdrop of PCI compliance. We offer scheduled monthly check-ins, where we sit down with you to discuss the best short-term, tactical steps to take you from point A to point B, with your long-term security posture in mind. Beyond that, your QSA is also available to attend any discussions with your acquirer(s) or other third parties to assure you know what is expected of your company and why.

In addition, a committed Project Manager (PM) serves to keep you on schedule and on budget. Alongside this support, our secure PCI Portal centralizes all pertinent data and evidence, streamlining the compliance process. This simplifies Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) or Report on Compliance (ROC) assessments, minimizing administrative tasks and boosting efficiency. Specifically, your PM oversees the milestones of your tailored program, reports on the status of ongoing or upcoming events and tasks, plans future work, and troubleshoots problems or issues that arise. And if you have any questions about the tracking of your overall engagement, you have full access to our AgioNow Portal.

OUR EXPERIENCE & WHY IT MATTERS

While many compliance requirements and standards are relatively new, Agio has performed IT security assessments for nearly 20 years, with a deep level of expertise in the retail, hospitality, healthcare, government, technology, and education industries. We are qualified to perform a wide variety of assessments, scans, and consulting engagements needed for PCI compliance, and, as QSAs, we are specifically certified to conduct formal Reports on Compliance (ROC). All of our internal, full-time QSAs are all practicing IT security consultants with an average of 20 years' experience. This is an important distinction between our expertise and that of a pure audit firm. Unlike auditors lacking a technical background, our compliance and security recommendations are crafted with a deep understanding of how businesses operate and the constraints of budget and resources. This sensitivity ensures that our guidance not only addresses regulatory requirements but also supports your business operations effectively, reducing the risk of non-compliance. It's Agio's technical background and detailed understanding of PCI compliance that offers you a robust, effective compliance partner with an understanding of the what's, why's, and how's of your compliance.

WHY AGIO?

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When you select Agio, you're investing in a relationship with everyone who's a part of this firm. We deliver an experience that reaffirms to our clients we've got them covered. From clean, concise implementations; to consistent support backed by automation and tools that work the way they're supposed to; to value-add reporting; to accurate, timely invoicing; and content on the latest IT and cybersecurity trends, we bring the full breadth and depth of our talent to bear. We deliver #OneAgio.

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