

Attaining industry-specific [EHNAC accreditation](#) and [HITRUST CSF certification](#) demonstrates to business partners and prospects an organization's commitment to meeting the highest standards in data privacy and security, and meeting stakeholder-specific requirements (people, systems, and operational metrics). Whether applying for both programs or deciding between the two, the comparison chart below is designed to assist an organization to understand the specific differences between the accreditation and certification models/frameworks.



<b>Organizational Structure</b>	EHNAC is federally recognized as a Standards Setting Body (SDO). It is a 501(c)6 non-profit governed by at least 9 industry commissioners.	HITRUST Alliance is a non-profit, governed by a board of directors.
<b>Years in Business</b>	26 years	14 years
<b>Safe Harbor</b>	According to H.R.7898 – Public Law 116-321 (aka HIPAA Safe Harbor Law), EHNAC's programs qualify as "Recognized Security Practices," as the NIST cyber-security framework is embedded within them. EHNAC has been involved with the 405(d) initiative since its inception.	Created a Common Security Framework (CSF). Originally created framework using ISO standards and focused on Security. Migrating to be industry segment agnostic to include healthcare but also to incorporate other industries. HITRUST certification also would qualify as "Recognized Security Practice," as the NIST cyber-security framework is included.
<b>Focus on Healthcare Data</b>	All EHNAC's programs focus on the creation, receipt, maintenance, and transmission of PHI/sensitive data. EHNAC requires its assessment scope to include all stakeholder-specific areas (people and systems) handling sensitive data, including at least first-level subcontractors.	HITRUST allows for the organization seeking certification to determine the scope of their assessment. Organizations may select to have one environment (production) for one product (perhaps one application) certified or a broader review.
<b>Assessor Requirements</b>	Each assessor must have 20+ years of experience in healthcare including healthcare operations, technology, privacy, and security best practices.	Currently there are 90+ certifying Assessor organizations for clients to select from. Each practitioner in these organizations must pass HITRUST CCSFP training. Healthcare specific experience is dependent upon the Assessor's staff and recruitment requirements.
<b>Accreditation/ Certification cycle</b>	Two-year cycle with required on-site review for most programs. On-site reviews are required for satellite offices and downstream business partners handling PHI. A One-year cycle option is also available.	Two-year cycle, full Assessment conducted on year one; Interim assessment conducted on year two. On-site review required for performance of testing at primary office.
<b>Transparency of program development, process, and cost</b>	Programs, process, fees, and FAQs are available on the EHNAC website. Cost is based on revenue level. No additional requirement for "Assessor services." A small company (<\$3M) can obtain accreditation for approx. \$10,000. Annual fees apply.	High-level process and FAQs on website. Licensing fees are provided via sales department (not published). Requires use of an Assessor organization to receive a Validated Report. Assessor fees average between \$35,000- \$50,000 for a smaller organization and are variable by organization size based upon scope and the number of Requirement Statements.
<b>Automated Tools</b>	Required use of secure document repository. No additional fee.	Requires paid License Subscription to MyCSF tool. Estimated HITRUST charges for the MyCSF tool can range between \$15,000 to \$22,500 per year in addition to Assessor fees.
<b>Outcome Documents</b>	Final Report Suite includes Executive and Full versions plus a HIPAA/ HITECH (Privacy and Security) and NIST (Cybersecurity and 800-53/800-171) compliance report with charts. A third-party summary version is also provided to share with trading partners. There is no additional fee for these reports.	Final Report is a formal professional document which can be provided to business partners. MyCSF Version 9.5 includes a new "HIPAA Reporting Pack." Some fees apply based on the license level of the tool.