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?

1. Increased Education and Awareness

- Security DON’Ts
  - Use weak passwords
  - Be careless with clients’ payment methods
data
  - Fall for phishing scams

- Either because of lack of education or policy enforcement, employees leave the door open for attacks by picking weak passwords, clicking on phishing links, or sharing company information on social and public platforms.
  - Employees directly involved in the payment chain—a like cashiers, waiters, and bank tellers—are often most often responsible for internal breaches.
  - By increasing awareness and education across organizations, we can help drive payment security as good business practice.

What’s New?
- Best practices for implementing security into business-as-usual activities to maintain on-going PCI DSS compliance
- Navigating the PCI DSS guidance added for easier understanding of each requirement and security goal
- Req. 8.4 – Password education for users
- Req. 9.9 – POS security training and education

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2. Greater Flexibility

- 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. 10.6 – More flexibility to prioritize log reviews based on organization’s risk management strategy

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3. Security as a Shared Responsibility

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

For more information on how to make sure your company is aware of its PCI DSS responsibilities, go to PCISSC.org