

Shielded Solutions - G-Cloud Service

Rate Card



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Commercial
Service

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Service Pricing

This pricing document includes:

- Service Price including: unit prices and volume discounts
- Prices for extra services

Shielded Solutions provide skilled resources for the Security services on a Time and Materials (T&M) basis. Estimates on duration of work to be contracted can be provided in advance in consultation with the client.

SFIA rates apply to the following Security Services categories to assist you in securing your cloud service:

- Security, Assurance and Compliance
- Security Architecture
- Project Management and delivery
- Technical Architecture

Out of hours service provision. Service hours are:

Working week (Monday – Friday) excluding national holidays

0800 – 1800 (pricing is for 8 hours within this period)

Skills For the Information Age (SFIA) Definitions and rate card Standard rate card

Role	SFIA 1 (Follow)	SFIA 2 (Assist)	SFIA 3 (Apply)	SFIA 4 (Enable)	SFIA 5 (Ensure, Advise)	SFIA 6 (Initiate, Influence)	SFIA 7 (Set Strategy, inspire, Mobilise)
Security Specialist	N/A	£400	£500	£850	£900	£1050	£1100
Security Architect	N/A	N/A	£500	£850	£900	£1050	£1100
Information Assurance Consultant	N/A	N/A	£500	£800	£900	£1000	£1100
Technical Architect	N/A	N/A	£700	£800	£900	£1050	£1100
Technical Project Manager	N/A	N/A	N/A	£600	£800	£950	£1100
Project Manager	N/A	N/A	N/A	£600	£700	£900	£1100
Business Analyst	N/A	N/A	N/A	£800	£900	£1050	£1100
Project Support Officer	N/A	£350	£450	£550	£650	N/A	N/A

The daily rates referenced above are based on the following:

The rates are exclusive of VAT.

A Consultant's Working Day is 8 hours exclusive of travel and lunch.

A Working week is Monday to Friday excluding national holidays.

Standard office hours are defined to be from 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday.

Professional Indemnity Insurance is included in the day rate.

The rates are valid for the duration of the GCloud 15 framework agreement.

The rates are subject to the availability of suitably skilled resources.

Prices for Extra Services

Out-of-hour service provision, which are:

- Saturday, Sunday
- National holidays
- Monday – Friday 0000 to 0800
- Monday – Friday 1800 – 2359

Price is 1.5x standard rate on a pro rata basis, for a minimum billing period of four hours.

Any licensing is at cost.

Available Discount

5% off on day rate on 5 or more Consultants hired.

Fixed price available - Please request quote

Role Descriptions

Security Specialist (Hybrid – Architecture & IA)

Purpose:

Deliver end-to-end security solutions combining technical architecture design with information assurance and governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) expertise.

Key Responsibilities:

- Design secure systems aligned with NCSC principles and ISO standards.
- Conduct risk assessments and develop mitigation strategies.
- Provide assurance for compliance with UK GDPR, Cyber Essentials Plus, Secure by Design and sector-specific regulations.
- Support secure migration and integration of data across environments.

Skills:

- Strong knowledge of security frameworks (ISO 27001, NIST, CIS etc).
- Experience in encryption, identity management, and secure configurations.
- Ability to produce assurance documentation and risk registers.

Security Architect (Technical Focus)

Purpose: Lead the design and implementation of secure technical architectures for cloud and on-premise environments.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop secure network and application architectures.
- Review technical designs for compliance and resilience.
- Advise on encryption, identity, and access management solutions.
- Collaborate with engineering teams to embed security controls.

Skills:

- Deep technical knowledge of cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, GCP).
- Familiarity with secure coding practices and DevSecOps.
- Strong understanding of threat modelling and security patterns.

Information Assurance Consultant

Purpose:

Provide assurance and governance expertise to ensure systems meet regulatory and security requirements.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain assurance frameworks.
- Conduct compliance audits and produce accreditation documentation.
- Liaise with stakeholders to ensure adherence to UK government security standards.
- Support risk management and governance processes.

Skills:

- Knowledge of MOD JSP 440, NCSC guidance, and ISO standards.
- Strong documentation and stakeholder engagement skills.
- Experience with risk assessment methodologies.

Technical Architect

Purpose:

Design and oversee technical solutions ensuring security is embedded throughout.

Key Responsibilities:

- Translate business requirements into secure technical designs.

- Validate architecture against compliance and performance criteria.
- Support integration of security tools and technologies.
- Provide technical leadership during implementation phases.

Skills:

- Expertise in infrastructure and application architecture.
- Familiarity with security tooling (SIEM, IAM, DLP).
- Ability to balance security with usability and performance.

Technical Project Manager**Purpose:**

Manage security-focused projects with a strong technical understanding to ensure successful delivery.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and oversee secure implementation projects.
- Coordinate technical teams and ensure adherence to security requirements.
- Manage risks, issues, and dependencies throughout the lifecycle.
- Provide technical input during design and delivery phases.

Skills:

- Project management certifications (PRINCE2, Agile).
- Technical background in IT and security architecture.
- Strong stakeholder management and communication skills.

Project Manager**Purpose:**

Ensure timely and cost-effective delivery of security projects while maintaining compliance and quality.

Key Responsibilities:

- Drive project delivery against agreed timelines and budgets.
- Manage client expectations and reporting.
- Ensure security requirements are met through governance processes.
- Coordinate with technical leads and assurance teams.

Skills:

- Strong organisational and leadership skills.
- Experience in managing complex, multi-stakeholder projects.

- Understanding of compliance frameworks and risk management.

Technical Project Manager

Purpose:

Manage security-focused projects with a strong technical understanding to ensure successful delivery.

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- Coordinate technical teams and ensure adherence to security requirements.
- Manage risks, issues, and dependencies throughout the lifecycle.
- Provide technical input during design and delivery phases.

Skills:

- Project management certifications (PRINCE2, Agile).
- Technical background in IT and security architecture.
- Strong stakeholder management and communication skills.

Business Analyst

Purpose:

Support the successful delivery of business change initiatives by analysing requirements, identifying solutions, and ensuring alignment with organisational objectives.

Key Responsibilities:

- Gather, document, and validate business requirements from stakeholders.
- Translate requirements into clear specifications for technical teams.
- Conduct gap analysis and propose process improvements.
- Facilitate workshops and stakeholder meetings to ensure clarity and consensus.
- Support testing and validation to confirm solutions meet business needs.

Skills:

- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Excellent communication and stakeholder management skills.
- Proficiency in requirements gathering and documentation techniques.
- Understanding of business processes, data flows, and system interactions.
- Familiarity with project management and agile methodologies.

Project Support Officer

Purpose:

Provide administrative and coordination support to ensure smooth delivery of projects, maintaining accurate documentation and effective communication across teams.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist in planning, scheduling, and monitoring project activities.
- Maintain project documentation, reports, and tracking systems.
- Coordinate meetings, prepare agendas, and record minutes.
- Support risk, issue, and change management processes.
- Liaise with stakeholders to ensure timely updates and information flow.

Skills:

- Strong organisational and time-management skills.
- Excellent attention to detail and accuracy in documentation.
- Proficient in MS Office and project management tools.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a fast-paced environment.