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McConnell Jones

MCCONNELL JONES ACHIEVES ISO 27001 TO ENHANCE THEIR SECURITY CREDIBILITY

`ACHIEVING ISO 27001`   `ACCOUNTANCY`   `MID-MARKET`

MCCONNELL JONES IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CPA FIRMS IN THE US ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY STUDIES. THE COMPANY OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE ASSURANCE, TAX, AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMPANIES, NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

KEY OUTCOMES

Achieved first time ISO 27001 certification on time and on budget

Built a compliance programme that is easy to scale across multiple standards with one tool

Gained a high-degree of security assurance for their customers

THE CHALLENGE

The team at McConnell Jones was looking for a solution that would help them streamline the ISO 27001 audit process and fit their immediate compliance needs at a reasonable cost. Key to the McConnell Jones vision was the ability to easily adapt the platform as they looked to expand their security programme beyond ISO 27001. It was important that the system acted as a single source of truth to ensure they could navigate the process with ease and confidence.

"WE NEEDED A PLATFORM THAT WOULD BE USER-FRIENDLY, AS SECURITY AND ISO 27001 COMPLIANCE IS A NEW CONCEPT FOR A MAJORITY OF OUR FIRM. WE ALSO WANTED A PLATFORM THAT COULD BE EXPANDED EASILY TO MEET ANY FUTURE COMPLIANCE NEEDS."

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CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER, MCCONNELL JONES

THE SOLUTION

Using ISMS.online, McConnell Jones were able to lift much of their existing work by adopting our preconfigured content straight out of the box. Instead of scattered documentation across different folders and workstations, McConnell Jones used one central hub, which greatly enhanced stakeholder collaboration and made the approval process easier. ISMS.online helped McConnell Jones save hours of effort by removing the complexity of navigating the ISO 27001 audit preparation process.

> **"THE MOST USEFUL AREAS OF THE SYSTEM WERE THE POLICIES AND CONTROLS, POLICY PACKS, AND VIRTUAL COACH. THE TEMPLATES THAT WERE PROVIDED FOR THE POLICIES AND CONTROLS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE TIME IT TOOK TO WRITE OUR NEW POLICIES."**
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The ISMS.online Virtual Coach feature was instrumental in guiding McConnell Jones through the requirements of each ISO 27001 Annex and provided them with clear guidance on how to get and stay compliant.

> **"HAVING A SINGLE SOURCE OF TRUTH HAS HELPED US STREAMLINE OUR COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS."**
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THE RESULT

McConnell Jones successfully completed their ISO 27001 Stage 2 Audit and achieved certification within its desired timeline.

Now, they can easily maintain their compliance in one place and modify it as their security requirements change.

"WE WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND ISMS.ONLINE TO OTHERS. THE SYSTEM IS PRETTY EASY TO USE AND EVERYONE THAT HAS USED IT HAS NOT HAD ANY COMPLAINTS."

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One of the biggest wins for McConnell Jones has been that they no longer have to spend time proving that their data is secure – having ISO 27001 does that for them.

WHAT'S NEXT?

When it comes to security compliance, McConnell Jones is just getting started. The team are continuously investing time and resources to meet customers' strict information security requirements. Using ISMS.online, McConnell Jones are now looking to maintain ISO 27001 and soon expand their compliance efforts across other frameworks. The flexibility of the ISMS.online platform and the joined-up structure of the system allows McConnell Jones to grow as its requirements do.

"OUR PURPOSE AS A CPA FIRM IS TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL DATA OF OUR CLIENTS AND ENSURE THAT WE HAVE APPLIED ALL DUE DILIGENCE AT THE CORE OF ISO 27001 AND BEYOND. SINCE ISMS.ONLINE IS A SINGLE SOURCE OF TRUTH, WE WOULD LIKE TO USE IT FOR OTHER COMPLIANCE AREAS THAT WE MAY GET INTO."

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WANT RESULTS LIKE THIS?

100% of our users have achieved ISO 27001 certification first time.

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