

# Accreditation Fact Sheet



Security surrounding transactions and credit card data is becoming even more important as time goes on. If you are a payment services provider, online retailer or any other business which transmits, processes or stores credit card transactions you are required to comply with stringent security standards.

HTEC have PCI DSS accreditation; PA DSS accreditation for our Gemini & HydraPOS applications and; PCI PED for our payment entry devices.

## PCI DSS

PCI-DSS stands for Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. It is a set of guidelines, measures and controls - developed by the PCI Council - to assist merchants to implement powerful security safety measures with regards to transaction data and storage. HTEC is a level 1 PCI DSS compliant service provider.

## PA DSS

PA-DSS stands for Payment Application Data Security Standard. This was previously known as the Payment Application Best Practices (PABP). The PCI Security Standards Council developed this standard to provide definitive criteria for software companies developing payment applications - with the aim to prevent any developed payment applications from storing prohibited secure data.

HTEC have this accreditation on our HydraPOS, all payment terminals including Outdoor Payment Terminals.

## PCI PED

PCI PED stands for Payment Card Industry PIN Entry Device. This covers PIN security and is targeted to enforce hardware security of any device which accepts consumer PIN's and house encryption keys of the acquirer. This includes how the PED is produced, controlled, transported, stored and used throughout its lifetime. The PCI PED standard will be updated every three years. This is being taken over by the PCT PTS (PIN Transaction Security) to which HTEC products will also comply.

As of 31st December 2007, acquirers and merchants were mandated to only deploy PCI PED approved devices. By the 1st July 2010 they have also been mandated to remove any unapproved devices from service. After this date merchants could be fined for not being compliant to the PCI PED standard, as well as being vulnerable to security threats.

HTEC have PCI PED accreditation on all of our payment entry devices.

**For more information on the above standards, please visit the PCI Security Standards Council website:**

[https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security\\_standards/index.php](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/index.php)