



By Email

30 June 2026

To: Senior Executive Officers of Authorised Firms; Authorised Market Institutions; Managing Partners & Main Contacts of Registered Auditors

Re: Cyber Risk Self-Assessment 2026

Dear SEO and stakeholders,

This letter is to inform you that the DFSA is launching an annual cyber risk self-assessment survey on cyber risk management practices (the "Assessment"). The Assessment will assist in determining:

- the current maturity level of Authorised Firms', Authorised Market Institutions' and Registered Auditors' cyber risk management framework; and
- risk trends, and systemic issues affecting overall cyber resilience maturity in the DIFC;

The Assessment will be conducted via an online questionnaire consisting primarily of closed-ended questions that seek information on each firm's technology profile and cybersecurity practices. The questionnaire will be accessible through the [DFSA ePortal](#).

We also remind firms that the DFSA cyber risk management rules came into force on 1 January 2024 and are set out in [General Module Rule 5.5](#). Compliance with these rules is mandatory for Authorised Persons, who are required to implement a cyber risk management programme taking into account the nature, scale and complexity of business operations.

You can find the Assessment in the attached pdf file, however, please submit your responses using the online form at DFSA ePortal. The deadline to submit responses is **24 July 2026**. DFSA might follow up if further information is needed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Justin Baldacchino', is positioned above the name and title of the signatory.

Justin Baldacchino
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CC: Compliance Officers of all Authorised Firms