

What is SAS 70 Certification?

The policies, procedures and systems utilized by PAETEC Communications have been carefully reviewed by a representative of Grant Thornton, LLP, leading global accounting, tax, and business advisory companies. Grant Thornton's SAS 70 auditing services provide independent, objective analysis and reporting on the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the controls and processes utilized within an organization. PAETEC has invested in the TYPE II audit which is an extension of the TYPE I audit which details the controls placed in operation as of a specific date along with the addition of testing of the operating effectiveness of the controls during a specified time period. The time period for TYPE II testing is generally 6 months to a year. Certification through Grant Thornton ensures that procedures and controls put in place by PAETEC are within the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

Who uses a SAS 70 Audit Report

A SAS 70 Audit is an internationally recognized auditing standard conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. SAS 70 reports are primarily used by the service organization, its clients and the client's auditors. The client's auditors can use the SAS 70 to gain an understanding of the internal controls in operation at a service organization.

What does a SAS 70 Audit cover?

The SAS 70 Audit includes a review of the processes and controls for physical security and facilities redundancy and maintenance. Leading the charge is redundancy – of everything. A SAS-70 audit ensures that claims of backup systems for power, fire suppression, network connectivity, and security are in place and properly managed. Hardware failure can often be attributed to lack of preventative maintenance of critical infrastructure components and other “pre-failure investments”. The SAS-70 audit assures that any claim of preventative maintenance is backed up with proper documentation and service records.

The audit assures that PAETEC data center space has the necessary controls in place to effectively manage and protect customer data. Controls provide a confidence that PAETEC has taken a proactive approach to maintaining the operating efficiency of the infrastructure equipment which controls the environmental conditions in the Data Centers and also the security devices which help to maintain the physical security and Integrity of the Data Centers.

Benefits of a SAS 70 certification to the PAETEC Customer

- Satisfy customer financial audit requirements
- Satisfy customer Sarbanes-Oxley 404 requirements
- Compliance with regulatory requirements
- Satisfy contract requirements
- Documentation and testing of internal control structure

A SAS-70 Audit is voluntary, so it acknowledges a high level of commitment by PAETEC and also assists companies in meeting regulatory compliance for HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), SOX (Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002), GLBA (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, and ISO 17799.

Businesses regulated by compliance initiatives such as HIPAA and Sarbanes-Oxley may already realize that establishing, documenting and testing processes is an expensive proposition. In the event of a business audit, a company is able to use the established SAS 70 documents as baseline for their regulatory compliance. This allows our customers to reduce expenses toward regulatory compliance and streamline any effort that is necessary to complete the regulatory audit.

*“Your data center is the backbone of your business and making the right choice can often mean the difference between standing tall and falling down.” **Choose PAETEC!***