

## The Only CPA Firm in the Peach State to Offer “Gold Standard” of Data Security Verification

*HA&W now conducts audits and issues Report of Compliance (ROC) against PCI DSS*

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Habif, Arogeti & Wynne (HA&W), Georgia’s largest independent accounting firm, has been designated by the [PCI Security Standards Council](#) as a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA). HA&W is the only Georgia-based accounting firm with this distinguished designation, allowing the firm to better serve their clients by offering a fuller, more complete range of services in technology risk management.

Many of HA&W’s clients need attestation for service organization controls (SOC) such as SSAE 16, and PCI QSA compliance. By being qualified as a QSA, the firm can provide both of these services in an integrated fashion, making the reporting processes more cost-effective for their clients. In fact, HA&W often can structure test procedures so that they fulfill both reporting requirements.

This qualification is part of HA&W’s ongoing strategy of providing a full range of security and privacy risk management and IT auditing services to its clients. HA&W has been providing PCI consulting services for some time, as well as technical information security risk management and auditing services, making the decision to obtain the QSA designation a logical next step for the firm. While the PCI requirements to obtain QSA designation are rigorous, HA&W’s extensive experience with PCI Data Security Standards (DSS), and the firm’s deep information security management skills, made the process more of a formality for HA&W.

The PCI DSS apply to any organization (merchant, service provider, etc.) involved in the processing, storage and transmission of cardholder data. As a QSA, HA&W can issue the formal ROC many merchants and service providers must submit to acquiring organizations as independent verification against the DSS. This verification is commonly regarded as the gold standard for security in the payments and transaction processing industry.

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“The PCI certification makes HA&W stand out among other firms in Atlanta, Georgia, and even in the Southeast. This designation is complementary to the array of other technology risk management services we provide and plays into HA&W’s strategic initiative to be the premier full-service provider in the transaction processing space.”

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