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Responsible Office: Office of Information Technology

Responsible Executive: CIO

Applies to: Office of Information Technology

POLICY STATEMENT

It is to the University’s discretion, in accordance with applicable laws and polices set forth by the Commonwealth of Virginia, to determine specific instances in which actions are to be permitted within the University’s information system without identification or authentication.

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PURPOSE

This control is intended to establish the policy and procedures for those specific instances where NSU determines that no identification and authentication is required; it is not, however, mandating that such instances exist in the University’s information system.

REQUIREMENTS

NSU:

1. Identifies specific user actions that can be performed on the information system without identification or authentication; and

2. Documents and provides supporting rationale in the security plan for the information system, user actions not requiring identification and authentication.

Supplemental Guidance: The University may allow a limited number of user actions without identification and authentication. The University also identifies any actions that normally require identification or authentication but may under certain circumstances (e.g., emergencies), allow identification or authentication mechanisms to be bypassed. Such bypass may be, for example, via a software-readable physical switch that commands bypass of the login functionality and is protected from accidental or unmonitored use. This control does not apply to situations where identification and authentication have already occurred and are not being repeated, but rather to situations where identification and/or authentication have not yet occurred.

Control Enhancements for Sensitive Systems:

1. NSU permits actions to be performed without identification and authentication only to the extent necessary to accomplish mission/business objectives.

VIOLATIONS

Violations of this policy will be addressed in accordance relevant University and Commonwealth of Virginia policies, including University Policy 32-01 and Department of Human Resources Management Policy 1.75. The appropriate level of disciplinary action will be determined on an
individual case basis by the appropriate executive or designee, with sanctions up to or including termination or expulsion depending upon the severity of the offense.

INTERPRETATION

The Information Security Officer is responsible for official interpretation of this policy. Questions regarding the application of this policy should be directed to the Office of Information Technology. The Information Security Officer reserves the right to revise or eliminate this policy.

PUBLICATION

This policy shall be widely published and distributed to the University community. To ensure timely publication and distribution thereof, the Responsible Office will make every effort to:

1. Communicate the policy in writing, electronic or otherwise, to the University community within 14 days of approval;

2. Submit the policy for inclusion in the online Policy Library within 14 days of approval;

3. Post the policy on the appropriate SharePoint Site and/or Website; and

4. Educate and train all stakeholders and appropriate audiences on the policy’s content, as necessary. Failure to meet the publication requirements does not invalidate this policy.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

- Next Scheduled Review: 05/28/2015
- Approval by, date: Office of Information Technology and 05/28/2014
- Revision History:
- Supersedes (previous policy): OIT 62.8.114

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Virginia Commonwealth State policy SEC501-08 Information Security Standard