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ON DATA PRIVACY DAY, PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL EMPHASIZES COMMITMENT TO SECURING PAYMENT CARD DATA GLOBALLY, OFFERS FREE PCI AWARENESS TRAINING ONLINE

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 28 January, 2014— In support of [Data Privacy Day](#), [the PCI Security Standards Council \(PCI SSC\)](#), an open global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced it will offer PCI Awareness online training free of charge to those who register today on the [PCI SSC website](#).*

“The Council applauds the National Cyber Security Alliance’s initiative to raise awareness and encourage global collaboration on data protection, said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “And today, as part of our ongoing commitment to securing payment card data globally, we’re pleased to make [PCI Awareness](#) online training available at no charge.”

In collaboration with its more than 700 global Participating Organizations, in 2014 the PCI Council will drive awareness and adoption of version 3.0 of the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), focused on helping organizations make payment security business-as-usual.

PCI Awareness training helps companies educate employees who handle cardholder data on the importance of payment security. It is one of a suite of training offerings designed and developed by the Council to build awareness and to train, test, and qualify organizations and individuals to assess and validate adherence to PCI Security Standards.

**The offer for free PCI Awareness online training expires after midnight 28 January, 2014 EST. To take advantage of it, please enter the code “dataprivacy” at the registration page:*

<https://www.regonline.com/pciawarenesstrainingonline>

For more information on the Council's training programs, please visit:

<https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/index.php>

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has over 700 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: <http://pcisecuritystandards.org>.

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