

Do Public/Private digital identity schemes need national identity standards overseen by mandatory external assessments?

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Level of inspection of service providers - it is a spectrum..

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CERTIFIED COMPANY

Self
Certification

Internal
Audit

Internal Audit
With Peer review

External
Assessment

Using independent, accredited certification benefits



Scheme Owners by:-

- Allowing Scheme Owners to define the overall policy for the scheme and the specific technical requirements and then allow the accredited certification bodies to determine the organisation's level of compliance
- Removing the reliance on, and the risk in, simply taking the word of an organisation and trusting them to deliver a compliant service. All too often brands claim that they would not risk their reputation to do otherwise - but, in reality, the evidence shows that they do.
- Increasing confidence of relying parties and between scheme members

National ID schemes using independent, accredited certification benefit Government and regulators by:-

- Ensuring risks are recognised and mitigated appropriately e.g. ensuring the risk associated with the theft of data from devices and the risk of a device being infected or taken control of are equally recognised
- Increasing public confidence because accredited certification is a recognisable way of demonstrating conformity
- Providing confidence upon which to base public sector procurement decisions
- Providing confidence that any provider entering a scheme is independently assessed thereby opening up markets and opportunities via a level playing field
- Reducing the extent to which regulators need to employ their own audit personnel

Schemes impacting consumers and citizens in relation to the acquisition, use and storage of their personal data need to have the confidence of all the stakeholders involved in order for the scheme to be successful

... need external assessment