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## Introduction

An International Standard for identity proofing of natural persons is required, to which other identity management standards can refer.

A large and increasing number of industry and government organizations seek an international identity proofing standard. This document enables interoperability and federated trust for the purposes of digital economies and societies, and support international cyber assurance across supply chains and global commons.

This document relates to: the ISO/IEC 24760 series which specifies a general framework for identity management, including a life cycle for identity information; and ISO/IEC 29115, which specifies levels of assurance for entity authentication. These standards focus primarily on the policy and technical standards for the issuance and operation of identity management and access management systems, which come after the process of enrolment. The use of these standards can benefit from a standard for identity proofing of persons.

This document is intended to be used by any entity that performs identity proofing, such as described in ISO/IEC 29115 and/or the ISO/IEC 24760 series.

# Information technology — Security techniques — Identity proofing

## 1 Scope

This document:

- gives guidelines for the identity proofing of a person;
- specifies levels of identity proofing, and requirements to achieve these levels.

This document is applicable to identity management systems.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 application

process whereby information to be used for *identity* (3.9) proofing of a *subject* (3.15) is provided

### 3.2 authoritative evidence

evidence that holds *identifying attribute(s)* (3.8) that are managed by an *authoritative party* (3.3)

Note 1 to entry: This is one type of evidence of identity.

Note 2 to entry: Authoritative evidence for a particular identifying attribute can be only corroborative evidence for another.

### 3.3 authoritative party

entity that has the recognized right to create or record, and has responsibility to directly manage, an *identifying attribute* (3.8)

Note 1 to entry: Jurisdiction(s) and/or industry communities sometimes nominate a party as authoritative. It is possible that such a party is subject to legal controls.

### 3.4 context

environment with defined boundary conditions in which *subjects* (3.15) exist and interact

[SOURCE: ITU-T X.1252 (4/2010), 6.20, modified — entities has been replaced by subjects.]