

What is Digital Issuance?

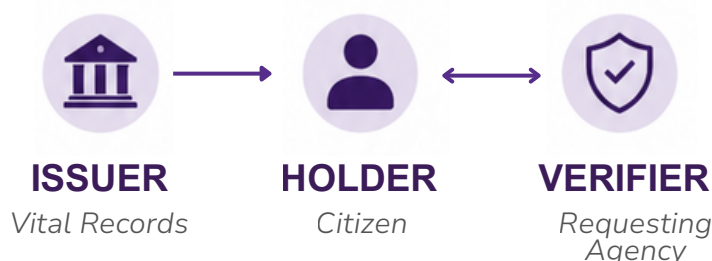
Americans often wait weeks, travel hours, or mail sensitive documents to obtain basic records (like birth certificates) and access services (like obtaining a passport). Digital issuance enables secure, same-day access while maintaining states' legal authority. Digitally issued, verifiable records strengthen security while lowering costs for states and federal agencies. So, what is digital issuance?



Digital Issuance

A standardized approach for supplying a secure, verifiable digital credential (an electronic version of a document, like a birth certificate) to an entitled individual.

WHO DOES WHAT?



Issuer: The authorized issuing authority that creates and validates the record.

Holder: The individual (e.g., citizen or resident) who possesses and controls their own digital record.

Verifier: An agency or organization (public or private) that checks the authenticity of a digital record for a specific purpose.

WHAT IT IS



A verifiable digital version of an official document stored on your phone or digital device



Multiple security layers including:

- Digital signature (cryptography & hash functions)
- Private and public keys
- Phone built-in security



Can provide selective disclosures

WHAT IT IS NOT



Just a picture



One-way verification



Simple data sharing



A regular PDF

BENEFITS



CONVENIENCE

- No need to carry multiple physical documents
- Access your records anytime, anywhere, even without internet access



SECURITY

- Much harder to fake than physical documents, and can be instantly revoked if lost or stolen, reducing fraud
- Strict rules for data protection
- Encryption and secure storage



PRIVACY

- Selective Disclosure: A privacy feature allowing individuals to share only the data needed (e.g. proof of age) rather than their full record
- Only collects absolute minimum info required
- User decides when and what to share



INTEROPERABILITY

- Interoperable between federal and state agencies
- Usable across state lines



Secure digital issuance of trusted credentials strengthens economic security and meets the changing demands as more services and daily life move online by improving fraud prevention, increasing access and interoperability to ensure Americans can instantly prove who they are in our increasingly digital world.