

# Analysis of alternative verification methods



# OBJECTIVE

Analysis of alternative verification methods for DHS & DIACC

Propose five or more **methods of verification** that will **provide proof** that the person asserting the identity is the **rightful owner** of the identity.



# METHODOLOGY

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**01**  
IDENTIFY CANDIDATE  
APPROACHES

**02**  
ASSESS TECHNICAL  
FEATURES

**03**  
ASSESS THE RELATIVE  
STRENGTH AGAINST  
RECOGNISED STANDARDS

**04**  
DETERMINE HIGH LEVEL  
COMMERCIAL VIABILITY



# WHAT WE ASSESSED

- ✓ USE CASES
- ✓ INFORMATION FLOWS
- ✓ VALIDATION CHECKS
- ✓ GENUINE CHECKS
- ✓ CRYPTOGRAPHIC CHECKS
- ✓ CONTRA INDICATOR CHECKS



# EVIDENCE FEATURES

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A description of the **evidence properties** including the required features to mitigate specific threats, including unique identifiers, identity attributes, biometric features, cryptographic features and counter fraud features.



# ISSUANCE PROCESS

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- Was an **identity check** performed as part of the issuance process?
- Can it be assumed that the **evidence** was **delivered** into the possession of the individual?



# THE FIVE METHODS

## Mobile subscriber check

Check ownership of mobile device with MNO, Confirm ownership by sending SMS to device.

- + High level of ownership with strong issuance process
- + Relatively frictionless process,
- Risk of channel takeover via SIM-swap or SS7 vulnerability,
- Requires MNO to provide APIs



## Machine readable travel documents

Check that the evidence is valid and genuine, Undertake remote comparison between user selfie and biometric image on document.

- + Strong issuance processes,
- + Strong cryptographic features,
- Lack of evidence validation checks against US issuing source
- Low-level of ownership in the US



## Financial transactions

Check ownership of financial product with issuing or authoritative source, Interactive question/answer session based upon recent transactions.

- + Relatively strong issuance process in line with AML/KYC regulations,
- + Highly dynamic dataset,
- Requires financial institutions to provide complex APIs

## Verify owner of a financial account

Check ownership of financial product with issuing or authoritative source,

Deposit small amount plus one time passcode into account, user checks A/C & replays OTP to confirm ownership.

- + High degree of online banking usage,
- + Strong issuance process in line with AML/KYC regulations,
- + Utilises existing payments networks,
- Potential time lag due to payment network, high risk of user drop out

## Driving Licenses

Check that the evidence is valid and genuine, Undertake remote comparison between user selfie and biometric image on document.

- + Strong REAL ID issuance processes,
- + AAMVA recommended security features,
- + High Level of ownership in the US,
- REAL ID coverage,
- Lack of security templates for genuine checks

# ALIGNMENT TO NIST 800-63A

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- All methods meet the Identity Evidence Quality Requirements as fair to superior
- All methods meet the Identity Verification Methods as fair to superior
- These methods could be combined in an identity proofing strategy to achieve Identity Assurance Level 2







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