

The Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC) Launches Pan-Canadian Trust Framework™ to Advance Digital Identity in Canada

Background

The PCTF is a set of resources focused on societal and economic benefits that is developed in collaboration with the DIACC's Trust Framework Expert Committee (TFEC) and representatives of the Joint Councils Identity Management Subcommittee (IMSC). DIACC's mission is to develop a framework that considers public and private sector contexts and acknowledges that a trusted digital identity is critical to strengthening the future economic potential and social benefit of Canada.

The PCTF describes the roles and requirements to be agreed on by participating public and private sector organizations, to meet current and future Canadian innovation needs.

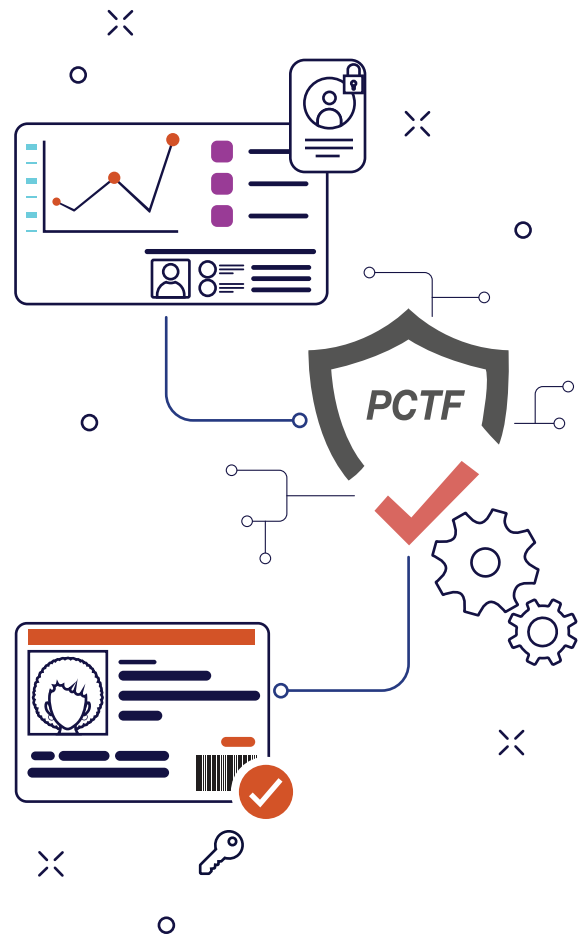
Developed as an interoperable and open public resource, the framework will always be freely available to the Canadian and international public for review and adoption and is developed under the DIACC's transparent and neutral good governance policies and procedures.

PCTF documents and artifacts are intended to secure the interoperability of public and private sector identity capabilities, while prioritizing user-centred design, privacy, security, and convenience of use. See how the community arrived here in this summary of the progress made in English and French.

How the Framework Supports Canadians

The PCTF consists of nine components that will support organizations across sectors and across the country as they leverage digital platforms, interoperate with other organizations, platforms, and jurisdictions, and protect their data and cybersecurity.

The PCTF will make it easier for Canadian citizens and businesses to interact with governments, businesses, and other organizations with a high degree of confidence. Once the PCTF is fully implemented, Canadians will be able to access health records, apply for a student loan, launch a business, or qualify for disability benefits with trust and ease.



Why Trust Frameworks are More Important than Ever

Around the world, governments and industries are developing technology and policy frameworks, more commonly known as trust frameworks. A trust framework is a set of auditable business, technical, and legal rules that apply to the identification, authentication and authorization of accessing resources across organizations. Such a framework enables digital identity and, by extension, facilitates trust worthy digital transactions.

Defining and standardising processes and practices, trust frameworks specify data protection policies that government agencies, banks, telecommunication companies, health care providers, and businesses agree to follow, with regard to information assurance practices. When widely adopted, they allow citizens and consumers to interact with institutions with a high degree of security and confidence.

DIACC (Digital ID & Authentication Council of Canada)

DIACC is a growing coalition of public and private sector organizations who are making a significant and sustained effort to ensure Canada's full, secure, and beneficial participation in the global digital economy.

By solving challenges and leveraging opportunities Canada has the

chance to secure at least

3%
of unrealized GDP



**or \$100 billion of potential growth
by 2030.**

This is a must in a digital society as we work through the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Learn more about the [DIACC mandate](#).

DIACC was created as a result of the Minister of Finance's Electronic Payments Task Force that recommended that Canada needs a framework for digital identity and authentication that must be created by a self-governing body of experts. As of September 2020, DIACC is pleased to announce the first iteration of the [Pan-Canadian Trust Framework™ \(PCTF\)](#) is being launched in-market, marking the shift from development to operation.

