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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO/IEC 7812-2:2015), which has been technically revised. Key changes made in this edition:

— Clause 3, added definitions for "registration management group" and "routing";

— Clause 4, streamlined section to state all conditions as criteria for approval, removing criteria for rejection;

— Revised roles and responsibilities of sponsoring authorities, registration management group and registration authority to be clearer; removed terms from the registration authority's responsibilities that belong in the contract;

— Removed Contact Information as an informative annex;

— Removed the IIN application form as a normative annex;

— Removed template of a blockholder Letter of Agreement as an informative annex.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 7812 series, can be found on the ISO website.

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Introduction

This document is one of a series of International Standards specifying:

— a numbering system for the identification of card issuers operating within an interchange environment, the format of the issuer identification number and the primary account number;

— the application and registration procedures for card issuers who operate a card program within an international interchange environment.

Card issuers not operating in an international interchange environment are encouraged to contact their sponsoring authorities for a number assigned by that national standards body, or the Registration Authority (RA) if no Sponsoring Authority (SA) exists. Use of a national IIN will avoid conflicts if the cards are used in an international interchange environment.

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Identification cards — Identification of issuers —

Part 2:
Application and registration procedures

1 Scope

This document specifies the application and registration procedures for Issuer Identification Numbers (IINs) issued in accordance with ISO/IEC 7812-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 7812-1, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 1: Numbering system*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 7812-1 and the following apply.

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

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
administrative blockholder
institution that is assigned a block of IINs for re-assignment to card issuers within its specific industry or geographic area of jurisdiction

Note 1 to entry: Upon assignment of the IIN to the card issuers, registration of the IIN is transferred to the individual card issuer. IINs no longer in use by the card issuers are returned to the RA. These IINs are assigned in accordance with the procedures established herein and under legal agreement with the RA.

3.2
block of IINs
reservation in the *ISO Register of Card Issuer Identification Numbers* of a series of two or more IINs for assignment by an administrative or card scheme blockholder

3.3
card scheme blockholder
institution representing a group of card issuers, and who provides an interchange environment to facilitate the issuance and acceptance of the cards of that group

Note 1 to entry: The core service provided by the card scheme blockholder is a governing set of rules and policies and includes additional services such as authorization services. Registration of the IINs within the block is retained by the card scheme, and IINs no longer in use by the card issuers are returned to the card scheme. Interchange among the card scheme members is governed by a set of operating procedures.

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3.4
registration management group
RMG
group established by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17 to act on its behalf in managing the registration and assignment of IINs under the ISO/IEC 7812 series of standards

3.5
routing
directional flow of messages by which the card acceptor and card issuer communicate with each other directly or via (an) intermediate network facility(ies) which may act as agent(s) for the original parties involved in the message flow

3.6
sponsoring authority
SA
body responsible for receiving, processing and reviewing/approving applications for IINs

4 Application and registration procedures

4.1 Application procedure for assignment of a single or block of IINs

An applicant shall apply to its designated SA (see Clause 7) for the assignment of a single or block of IINs.

In the absence of a designated SA, the applicant may apply directly to the secretariat of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17. The national standards body or the secretariat of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17 then acts as the "SA" with respect to the application.

Application forms are available on request, from the RA, the secretariat of the RMG and the secretariat of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17.

Applications and requests for information about this document and its implementation may be directed to the RA.

http://www.iso.org/iso/maintenance_agencies

4.2 Criteria for approval of an application

4.2.1 Single IIN

Applications for a single IIN shall meet all the criteria below. An application for a single IIN shall be approved by the RA when the following conditions are met:

a) the applicant shall be a single legal entity;

b) the applicant will be the issuer of the cards;

c) the application has been initially reviewed and approved by the designated SA, if an SA exists within the applicant's jurisdiction;

d) the applicant shall not already have an IIN assigned to it by the RA. This does not include IIN(s) the applicant may have been assigned by card scheme blockholders;

e) the card issuer shall commence using the IIN within 12 months of the date of assignment of the IIN;

f) the cards being issued shall be for use within an international routing and/or interchange environment (see ISO/IEC 7812-1);

g) the applicant has requested a specific IIN for purposes that fall within the scope as defined in this document;

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