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Abstract

120 FIPS 201 defines the requirements and characteristics of a government-wide interoperable identity
121 credential. FIPS 201 also specifies that this identity credential must be stored on a smart card. This
122 document, SP 800-73, contains the technical specifications to interface with the smart card to retrieve
123 and use the PIV identity credentials. The specifications reflect the design goals of interoperability and
124 PIV Card functions. The goals are addressed by specifying a PIV data model, card edge interface, and
125 application programming interface. Moreover, this document enumerates requirements where the
126 international integrated circuit card standards [ISO7816] include options and branches. The
127 specifications go further by constraining implementers’ interpretations of the normative standards. Such
128 restrictions are designed to ease implementation, facilitate interoperability, and ensure performance, in a
129 manner tailored for PIV applications.

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I. Revision History

Version	Release Date	Updates
SP 800-73	April 2005	Initial Release
SP 800-73-1	April 2006	Incorporated Errata
SP 800-73-2	September 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separated SP 800-73 into four Parts: 1 - <i>End-Point PIV Card Application Namespace, Data Model and Representation</i> 2 - <i>End-Point PIV Card Application Card Command Interface</i> 3 - <i>End-Point PIV Client Application Programming Interface</i> 4 - <i>The PIV Transitional Interface and Data Model Specification</i> • All PIV cryptographic key types, cryptographic algorithm identifiers, and key sizes previously listed in SP 800-73-1, are now specified in SP 800-78, <i>Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Sizes for Personal Identity Verification</i> • Removed default algorithms. Each PIV key type can be implemented from a small subset of algorithms and key sizes as specified in Table 3-1 of SP 800-78 • Added optional Discovery Object (Part 1, Section 3.2.6) • Added optional capability to use the Global PIN (in addition to the PIV Card Application PIN) with the PIV Card Application (Part 1, Section 3.2.6) • Added pivMiddlewareVersion API function (Part 3, Section 3.1.1) • Deprecated the CHUID data object's Authentication Key Map data element • Deprecated the Printed Information data object's Employee Affiliation Line 2 data element (tag 0x03) • Removed size limits on signed data object containers (Part 1, Appendix A)
SP 800-73-3	February 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added preamble: I - Revision History, II - Configuration Management and III – NPIVP Conformance Testing. (Part 1, Preamble) • Removed the CHUID data object's Authentication Key Map data element • Removed the Printed Information data object's Employee Affiliation Line 2 data element (tag 0x03) • Deprecated IPv6 as optional value for the CHUID's GUID data element (Part 1, Section 3.2.1) • Added Key History capability (Part 1, Section 3.2.7) • Added ECDH key agreement scheme (Part 2, Section 3.2.4) • Added UUID feature for non-Federal issuer cards (Part 1, Section 3.3) • Expanded Part 2, Appendix A (GENERAL AUTHENTICATE examples) to illustrate ECDSA signatures and key establishment schemes with the key management key • Added an optional cardholder iris images data object, which is specified in SP 800-76-2. • Added Appendix C, PIV Algorithm Identifier Discovery. • Updated PIV Middleware version number in Part 3.

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Version	Release Date	Updates
SP 800-73-4	May 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed Part 4, The PIV Transitional Data Model and Interfaces • Removed “End-Point” from the titles and content of Parts 1 through 3 • Added Section 1.3 “Effective Date” • Made asymmetric Card Authentication key mandatory • Made digital signature key and key management key conditionally mandatory • Made the facial image data object mandatory • Introduced specifications for optional secure messaging • Introduced specifications for optional virtual contact interface (VCI) over which all non-card-management functionality of the PIV Card is accessible • Added support for pairing code that is used to establish VCI • Made Card UUID mandatory. Thus, removed the option to populate the GUID data element of CHUID with all zeros or an IPv6 address • Added PIV card level PIN length enforcement requirements for the PINs • Added an optional Cardholder UUID as a unique identifier for a cardholder • Removed information about encoding of NFI cards • Added optional on-card biometric comparison mechanism as a means of performing card activation and as a PIV authentication mechanism • Added requirement for signature verification and certification path validation in the CHUID, BIO, and BIO-A authentication mechanisms • Added the On Card Comparison (OCC) Biometric Information (BIT) group template Data Object • Added Secure Messaging Signer Certificate Data Object • Added Pairing Code Reference Data Container • Deprecated some data elements in the CHUID (Buffer Length, DUNS and Organization Identifier) and legacy data elements in all X.509 Certificates (MSCUID) • Deprecated the optional Extended Application CardURL and Security Object Buffer data elements from the Card Capability Container • Updated PIV Middleware version number in Part 3 • Expanded Part 1, Appendix C (PIV Algorithm Identifier Discovery) to include an Algorithm Identifier discovery for Secure Messaging • Expanded Part 2, Appendix A (GENERAL AUTHENTICATE examples) to illustrate use of VCI

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154 **II. Configuration Management**

155 When a Federal agency adds one or several optional features listed in the previous section (Revision
156 History) to its PIV Cards, it is necessary for client applications to upgrade the PIV Middleware
157 accordingly. This will enable the PIV Middleware to recognize and process the new data objects and/or
158 features.

159 Where maximum interoperability is required, it is necessary to upgrade to SP 800-73-4 based PIV
160 Middleware as they become available. Only SP 800-73-4 based PIV Middleware fully support all
161 capabilities outlined in the Revision History.¹ Previous versions of the PIV Middleware (based on
162 SP800-73-3, SP 800-73-2, or SP 800-73-1) are unaware of new SP 800-73-4 features and thus have the
163 following limitations:

164 + SP 800-73-3 based PIV Middleware:

- 165 ○ Do not support On-card Biometric Comparison
- 166 ○ Do not support Secure Messaging.

167 Recommendation: SP 800-73-3 based PIV Middleware should be restricted to applications
168 that do not use the above features.

169 + In addition to the limitations listed above, SP 800-73-2 based PIV Middleware:

- 170 ○ Do not support the Key History feature.
- 171 ○ Do not support the iris images data object.

172 Recommendation: SP 800-73-2 based PIV Middleware should be restricted to applications
173 that do not use the new features supported by the SP 800-73-3 and SP 800-73-4 middleware.

174 + In addition to the limitations listed above, SP 800-73-1 based PIV Middleware:

- 175 ○ Do not recognize the PIV Discovery Object and thus are unable to recognize or prompt
176 for the Global PIN for PIV Cards with Global PIN enabled.
- 177 ○ Do not support the PIV Middleware version API function.

178 Recommendation: SP 800-73-1 based PIV Middleware should be restricted to applications
179 that do not use the new features supported by the SP 800-73-2, SP 800-73-3, and SP 800-73-
180 4 middleware.

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¹ Implementation of secure messaging and virtual contact interface are optional.

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184 **III NPIVP Conformance Testing**

185 As outlined in FIPS 201-2, Appendix A.3, NIST has established the NIST Personal Identity Verification
186 Program (NPIVP) to:

- 187 + validate the compliance/conformance of two PIV components: PIV Middleware and PIV Card
188 Applications with the specifications in NIST SP 800-73 and
- 189 + provide the assurance that the set of PIV Middleware and PIV Card Applications that have been
190 validated by NPIVP are interoperable.

191 For the further information on NPIVP, see <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/SNS/piv/npivp/index.html>.

192 With the final release of SP 800-73-4, NPIVP plans to revise and publish SP 800-85A-3, PIV Card
193 Application and Middleware Interface Test Guidelines. This document will outline the Derived Test
194 Requirements (DTRs) of SP 800-73-4 based PIV Card Applications and PIV Middleware. In parallel,
195 NPIVP plans to update the test tools for NPIVP laboratories to test PIV Card Applications and PIV
196 Middleware in accordance with the DTRs in SP 800-85A-3. Once SP 800-85A-3 is published, and the
197 test tools are available to NPIVP test laboratories, SP 800-73-3 based testing will be discontinued and SP
198 800-73-4 based testing will begin. NPIVP will announce the start of SP 800-73-4 based testing at
199 <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/SNS/piv/npivp/announcements.html>.

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1. Introduction

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Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12) called for a common identification standard to be adopted governing the interoperable use of identity credentials to allow physical and logical access to Federally controlled facilities and information systems. Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors, Federal Information Processing Standard 201 (FIPS 201) [FIPS201] was developed to establish standards for identity credentials. Special Publication 800-73-4 (SP 800-73-4) contains technical specifications to interface with the smart card (PIV Card²) to retrieve and use the identity credentials.

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1.1 Purpose

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FIPS 201 defines procedures for the PIV lifecycle activities including identity proofing, registration, PIV Card issuance, and PIV Card usage. FIPS 201 also specifies that the identity credentials must be stored on a smart card. SP 800-73-4 contains the technical specifications to interface with the smart card to retrieve and use the identity credentials. The specifications reflect the design goals of interoperability and PIV Card functions. The goals are addressed by specifying a PIV data model, card edge interface, and application programming interface. Moreover, this document enumerates requirements where the international integrated circuit card standards [ISO7816] include options and branches. The specifications go further by constraining implementers' interpretations of the normative standards. Such restrictions are designed to ease implementation, facilitate interoperability, and ensure performance, in a manner tailored for PIV applications.

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1.2 Scope

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SP 800-73-4 specifies the PIV data model, application programming interface (API), and card interface requirements necessary to comply with the use cases, as defined in Section 6 of FIPS 201 and further described in this document. Interoperability is defined as the use of PIV identity credentials such that client-application programs, compliant card applications, and compliant integrated circuits cards (ICC) can be used interchangeably by all information processing systems across Federal agencies. SP 800-73-4 defines the PIV data elements' identifiers, structure, and format. SP 800-73-4 also describes the client application programming interface and card command interface for use with the PIV Card.

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This part, SP 800-73-4, Part 1 – *PIV Card Application Namespace, Data Model and Representation*, specifies the PIV Card Application Namespace, the PIV Data Model and its logical representation on the PIV Card, and is a companion document to FIPS 201.

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1.3 Effective Date

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Federal departments and agencies may implement these recommendations, rather than the previous version, immediately upon publication. With the exception of the requirement for the PIV Card Application to enforce the minimum length requirements for the PINs, Federal

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² A physical artifact (e.g., identity card, "smart" card) issued to an individual that contains a PIV Card Application which stores identity credentials (e.g., photograph, cryptographic keys, digitized fingerprint representation) so that the claimed identity of the cardholder can be verified against the stored credentials by another person (human readable and verifiable) or an automated process (computer readable and verifiable).

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370 departments and agencies must implement these recommendations no later than 12 months after
371 the effective date of FIPS 201-2.

372 The requirement to enforce minimum length for the PINs at the card level is a security
373 requirement that did not appear in previous versions of SP 800-73. The implementation schedule
374 for this new requirement shall be phased in as part of new card stock acquisition by Federal
375 departments and agencies after final publication of this document.

376 **1.4 Audience and Assumptions**

377 This document is targeted at Federal agencies and implementers of PIV systems. Readers are
378 assumed to have a working knowledge of smart card standards and applications.

379 **1.5 Document Overview and Structure**

380 All sections in this document are *normative* (i.e., mandatory for compliance) unless specified as
381 *informative* (i.e., non-mandatory). Following is the structure of this document:

- 382 + Section 1, *Introduction*, provides the purpose, scope, effective date, audience, and
383 assumptions, of the document and outlines its structure.
- 384 + Section 2, *PIV Card Application Namespaces*, defines the three NIST managed
385 namespaces used by the PIV Card Application.
- 386 + Section 3, *PIV Data Model Elements*, describes the PIV Data Model elements in detail.
- 387 + Section 4, *PIV Data Objects Representation*, describes the format and coding of the PIV
388 data structures used by the PIV client-application programming interface and the PIV
389 Card Application.
- 390 + Section 5, *Data Types and Their Representation*, provides the details of the data types
391 found on the PIV client-application programming interface and the PIV Card Application
392 card command interface.
- 393 + Appendix A provides container information of PIV Cards and is normative. All other
394 appendices are informative and contain material that needs special formatting together
395 with illustrative material to aid in understanding information in the body of the document.

396 2. PIV Card Application Namespaces

397 2.1 Namespaces of the PIV Card Application

398 Names used on the PIV interfaces are drawn from three namespaces managed by NIST:

- 399 + Proprietary Identifier eXtension (PIX) of the NIST Registered Application Provider
400 Identifier (RID)
- 401 + ASN.1 object identifiers (OIDs) in the personal identity verification subset of the OIDs
402 managed by NIST
- 403 + Basic Encoding Rules – Tag Length Value (BER-TLV) tags of the NIST PIV coexistent
404 tag allocation scheme

405 All unspecified names in these managed namespaces are reserved for future use.

406 All interindustry tags defined in ISO/IEC 7816, *Information Technology – Identification Cards –*
407 *Integrated Circuit(s) Card with Contacts* [ISO7816], and used in the NIST coexistent tag
408 allocation scheme without redefinition have the same meaning as they have in [ISO7816].

409 All unspecified values in the following identifier and value namespaces are reserved for future
410 use:

- 411 + algorithm identifiers
- 412 + key reference values
- 413 + cryptographic mechanism identifiers

414 2.2 PIV Card Application AID

415 The Application Identifier (AID) of the Personal Identity Verification Card Application (PIV
416 Card Application) shall be:

417 'A0 00 00 03 08 00 00 10 00 01 00'

418 The AID of the PIV Card Application consists of the NIST RID ('A0 00 00 03 08') followed by
419 the application portion of the NIST PIX indicating the PIV Card Application ('00 00 10 00') and
420 then the version portion of the NIST PIX ('01 00') for the first version of the PIV Card
421 Application. All other PIX sequences on the NIST RID are reserved for future use.

422 The PIV Card Application can be selected as the current application by providing the full AID as
423 listed above or by providing the right-truncated version; that is, without the two-byte version, as
424 follows:

425 'A0 00 00 03 08 00 00 10 00'

3. PIV Data Model Elements

427 This section contains the description of the data elements for personal identity verification, the PIV
428 data model.

429 A PIV Card Application shall contain seven mandatory interoperable data objects, two conditionally
430 mandatory data objects, and may contain twenty-seven optional data objects. The seven mandatory
431 data objects for interoperable use are as follows:

- 432 1. Card Capability Container
- 433 2. Card Holder Unique Identifier
- 434 3. X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication
- 435 4. X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication
- 436 5. Cardholder Fingerprints
- 437 6. Cardholder Facial Image
- 438 7. Security Object

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440 The two data objects that are mandatory if the cardholder has a government-issued email account at
441 the time of credential issuance are:

- 442 1. X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature
- 443 2. X.509 Certificate for Key Management

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445 The twenty-seven optional data objects are as follows:

- 446 1. Printed Information
- 447 2. Discovery Object
- 448 3. Key History Object
- 449 4. 20 retired X.509 Certificates for Key Management
- 450 5. Cardholder Iris Images
- 451 6. Biometric Information Templates Group Template
- 452 7. Secure Messaging Certificate Signer
- 453 8. Pairing Code Reference Data Container

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3.1 Mandatory Data Elements

456 This section describes the seven mandatory data objects for interagency interoperable use.

3.1.1 Card Capability Container

458 The Card Capability Container (CCC) is a mandatory data object whose purpose is to facilitate
459 compatibility of Government Smart Card Interoperability Specification (GSC-IS) applications with
460 PIV Cards.

461 The CCC supports minimum capability for retrieval of the data model and optionally the application
462 information as specified in [GSC-IS]. The data model of the PIV Card Application shall be identified
463 by data model number 0x10. Deployed applications use 0x00 through 0x04. This enables the GSC-
464 IS application domain to correctly identify a new data model namespace and structure as defined in
465 this document.

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466 For PIV Card Applications, the PIV data objects exist in a namespace tightly managed by NIST and a
467 CCC discovery mechanism is not needed by client applications that are not based on GSC-IS.
468 Therefore, all mandatory data elements of the CCC, except for the data model number, may
469 optionally have a length value set to zero bytes (i.e., no value field will be supplied). Unused optional
470 data elements shall be absent. The content of the CCC data elements, other than the data model
471 number, are out of scope for this specification.

472 **3.1.2 Card Holder Unique Identifier**

473 The Card Holder Unique Identifier (CHUID) data object is defined in accordance with the Technical
474 Implementation Guidance: Smart Card Enabled Physical Access Control Systems (TIG SCEPACS)
475 [TIG SCEPACS]. For this specification, the CHUID is common between the contact and contactless
476 interfaces. For dual chip implementations, the CHUID is copied in its entirety between the two chips.

477 In addition to the requirements specified in TIG SCEPACS, the CHUID on the PIV Card shall meet
478 the following requirements:

479 + The optional Buffer Length TLV element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future
480 version of SP 800-73. This element is the length in bytes of the entire CHUID, excluding the
481 Buffer Length element itself, but including the CHUID's Asymmetric Signature element.
482 The calculation of the asymmetric signature must exclude the Buffer Length element if it is
483 present.

484 + The previously deprecated Authentication Key Map data element shall not be present in the
485 CHUID.³

486 + The Federal Agency Smart Credential Number (FASC-N) shall be in accordance with TIG
487 SCEPACS [TIG SCEPACS] with the exception that credential series, individual credential
488 issue, person identifier, organizational category, organizational identifier, and
489 person/organization association category may be populated with all zeros.

490 A subset of the FASC-N, the FASC-N Identifier, shall be the unique identifier as described in
491 [TIG SCEPACS, Section 6.6]: “The combination of an Agency Code, System Code, and
492 Credential Number is a fully qualified number that is uniquely assigned to a single
493 individual.” The Agency Code is assigned to each department or agency by SP 800-87,
494 *Codes for Identification of Federal and Federally-Assisted Organizations* [SP800-87]. The
495 subordinate System Code and Credential Number value assignment is subject to department
496 or agency policy, provided that the FASC-N identifier (i.e., the concatenated Agency Code,
497 System Code, and Credential Number) is unique for each card. The same FASC-N value
498 shall be used in all the PIV data objects that include the FASC-N. To eliminate unnecessary
499 use of the SSN,⁴ the FASC-N's Person Identifier (PI) field should not encode the SSN. TIG
500 SCEPACS also specifies PACS interoperability requirements in the 10th paragraph of [TIG
501 SCEPACS, Section 2.1]: “For full interoperability of a PACS it must at a minimum be able
502 to distinguish fourteen digits (i.e., a combination of an Agency Code, System Code, and
503 Credential Number) when matching FASC-N based credentials to enrolled card holders.”

504 + The optional DUNS and Organizational Identifier fields are deprecated and will be eliminated
505 in a future version of SP 800-73.

³ See Revision History in preamble of this document.

⁴ See the attachment to OMB M-07-16, Section 2: “Reduce the Use of Social Security Numbers.”

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- 506 + The Global Unique Identification number (GUID) field must be present, and shall include a
507 Card Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) (see Section 3.4.1).
- 508 + The Expiration Date is mapped to the reserved for future use (RFU) tag 0x35, keeping that
509 within the existing scope of the TIG SCEPACS specification. This field shall be 8 bytes in
510 length and shall be encoded in ASCII as YYYYMMDD. The expiration date shall be the
511 same as printed on the card.
- 512 + The optional Cardholder UUID field is mapped to RFU tag 0x36. If present, it shall include a
513 Cardholder UUID as described in Section 3.4.2.
- 514 + The CHUID shall be signed in accordance with Section 3.1.2.1. The card issuer's digital
515 signature key shall be used to sign the CHUID and the associated certificate shall be placed in
516 the signature field of the CHUID.

517 **3.1.2.1 Asymmetric Signature Field in CHUID**

518 FIPS 201 requires inclusion of the asymmetric signature field in the CHUID data object. The
519 asymmetric signature data element of the CHUID shall be encoded as a Cryptographic Message
520 Syntax (CMS) external digital signature, as defined in RFC 5652 [RFC5652].

521 The issuer asymmetric signature field is implemented as a *SignedData* type, as specified in
522 [RFC5652], and shall include the following information:

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- 524 + The message shall include a *version* field specifying version v3
- 525 + The *digestAlgorithms* field shall be as specified in [SP800-78]
- 526 + The *encapContentInfo* shall:
- 527 – Specify an *eContentType* of id-PIV-CHUIDSecurityObject
- 528 – Omit the *eContent* field
- 529 + The *certificates* field shall include only a single X.509 certificate, which can be used to verify
530 the signature in the *SignerInfo* field
- 531 + The *crls* field shall be omitted
- 532 + *signerInfos* shall be present and include only a single *SignerInfo*
- 533 + The *SignerInfo* shall:
- 534 – Use the *issuerAndSerialNumber* choice for *SignerIdentifier*
- 535 – Specify a *digestAlgorithm* in accordance with [SP800-78]
- 536 – Include, at a minimum, the following signed attributes:
- 537 • A *MessageDigest* attribute containing the hash computed in accordance with
538 [SP800-78]
- 539 • A *pivSigner-DN* attribute containing the subject name that appears in the PKI
540 certificate for the entity that signed the CHUID
- 541 – Include the digital signature.

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542 The public key required to verify the digital signature shall be provided in the *certificates* field in an
543 X.509 digital signature certificate that has been issued in accordance with Section 4.2.1 of FIPS
544 201-2.

545 **3.1.3 X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication**

546 The X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication and its associated private key, as defined in FIPS 201,
547 is used to authenticate the card and the cardholder. The PIV Authentication private key and its
548 corresponding certificate are only available over the contact interface or Virtual Contact Interface
549 (VCI). The read access control rule for the X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication is “Always,”
550 meaning the certificate can be read without access control restrictions. The Public Key Infrastructure
551 (PKI) cryptographic function (see Table 4) is protected with a Personal Identification Number (PIN)
552 or On-Card biometric Comparison (OCC) access rule. In other words, private key operations using
553 the PIV Authentication key require the PIN or OCC data to be submitted and verified, but a
554 successful submission enables multiple private key operations without additional cardholder consent.

555 **3.1.4 X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication**

556 FIPS 201 specifies the mandatory asymmetric Card Authentication key (CAK) as a private key that
557 may be used to support physical access applications. The read access control rule of the
558 corresponding X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication is “Always,” meaning the certificate can be
559 read without access control restrictions. The PKI cryptographic function (see Table 4) is under an
560 “Always” access rule, and thus private key operations can be performed without access control
561 restrictions. The asymmetric CAK is generated by the PIV Card Issuer in accordance with FIPS 140-
562 2 requirements for key generation. An asymmetric CAK may be generated on-card or off-card. If an
563 asymmetric CAK is generated off-card, the result of each key generation shall be injected into at most
564 one PIV Card.

565 **3.1.5 Cardholder Fingerprints**

566 The fingerprint data object specifies the primary and secondary fingerprints for off-card matching in
567 accordance with FIPS 201 and SP 800-76.

568 **3.1.6 Cardholder Facial Image**

569 The facial image data object supports visual authentication by a guard, and may also be used for
570 automated facial authentication in operator-attended PIV issuance, reissuance, and verification data
571 reset processes. The facial image data object shall be encoded as specified in [SP800-76].

572 **3.1.7 Security Object**

573 The Security Object is in accordance with Appendix 3 to Section IV of Volume 2 of Part 3 of
574 Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD) [MRTD]. Tag 0xBA is used to map the ContainerIDs
575 in the PIV data model to the 16 Data Groups specified in the MRTD. The mapping enables the
576 Security Object to be fully compliant for future activities with identity documents.

577 The “DG-number-to-Container-ID” mapping object TLV in tag 0xBA encapsulates a series of three-
578 byte sequences – one for each PIV data object included in the Security Object. The first byte is the
579 Data Group (DG) number, and the second and third bytes are the most and least significant bytes
580 (respectively) of the Container ID value. The DG number assignment is arbitrary; however, the same
581 number assignment applies to the DataGroupNumber(s) in the DataGroupHash(es). This will ensure

582 that the ContainerIDs in the mapping object refer to the correct hash values in the Security Object
583 (0xBB).

584 The 0xBB Security Object is formatted according to [MRTD, Appendix 3 to Section IV]. The
585 Logical Data Structure (LDS) Security Object itself must be in ASN.1 DER format, formatted as
586 specified in [MRTD, Appendix A.3.2]. This structure is then inserted into the *encapContentInfo* field
587 of the Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) object specified in [MRTD, Appendix A.3.1].

588 The card issuer’s digital signature key used to sign the CHUID shall also be used to sign the Security
589 Object. The signature field of the Security Object, tag 0xBB, shall omit the issuer’s certificate, since
590 it is included in the CHUID. At a minimum, unsigned data objects, such as the Printed Information
591 data object, shall be included in the Security Object if present. For maximum protection against
592 credential splicing attacks (credential substitution), it is recommended, however, that all PIV data
593 objects, except the PIV X.509 certificates and the Secure Messaging Certificate Signer data object, be
594 included in the Security Object.

595 **3.2 Conditional Data Elements**

596 The following two data elements are mandatory if the cardholder has a government-issued email
597 account at the time of credential issuance. These two data elements, when implemented, shall
598 conform to the specifications provided in this document.

599 **3.2.1 X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature**

600 The X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature and its associated private key, as defined in FIPS 201,
601 support the use of digital signatures for the purpose of document signing. The digital signature private
602 key and its corresponding certificate are only available over the contact interface or VCI. The read
603 access control rule for the X.509 Certificate for Digital Signing is “Always,” meaning the certificate
604 can be read without access control restrictions. The PKI cryptographic function (see Table 4) is
605 protected with a “PIN Always” or “OCC Always” access rule. In other words, the PIN or OCC data
606 must be submitted and verified every time immediately before a *digital signature key* operation. This
607 ensures cardholder participation every time the private key is used for digital signature generation.⁵

608 **3.2.2 X.509 Certificate for Key Management**

609 The X.509 Certificate for Key Management and its associated private key, as defined in FIPS 201,
610 support the use of encryption for the purpose of confidentiality. The key management private key and
611 its corresponding certificate are only available over the contact interface or VCI. This key pair may be
612 escrowed by the issuer for key recovery purposes. The read access control rule for the X.509
613 certificate is “Always,” meaning the certificate can be read without access control restrictions. The
614 PKI cryptographic function (see Table 4) is protected with a “PIN” or “OCC” access rule. In other
615 words, once the PIN or OCC data is submitted and verified, subsequent *key management key*
616 operations can be performed without requiring the PIN or OCC data again. This enables multiple
617 private key operations without additional cardholder consent.

⁵ [NISTIR7863], *Cardholder Authentication for the PIV Digital Signature Key*, addresses the appropriate use of PIN caching related to digital signatures.

618 **3.3 Optional Data Elements**

619 The twenty-seven optional data elements of FIPS 201, when implemented, shall conform to the
620 specifications provided in this document.

621 **3.3.1 Printed Information**

622 All FIPS 201 mandatory information printed on the card is duplicated on the chip in this data object.
623 The printed information data object shall not be modified post-issuance. The Security Object
624 enforces integrity of this information according to the issuer. This provides specific protection that
625 the card information must match the printed information, mitigating alteration risks on the printed
626 media.

627 **3.3.2 Discovery Object**

628 The Discovery Object, if implemented, is the 0x7E interindustry ISO/IEC 7816-6 template that nests
629 interindustry data objects. For the Discovery Object, the 0x7E template nests two mandatory BER-
630 TLV structured interindustry data elements: 1) tag 0x4F contains the AID of the PIV Card
631 Application and 2) tag 0x5F2F lists the PIN Usage Policy.

632 + Tag 0x4F encodes the PIV Card Application AID as follows:

633 { '4F 0B A0 00 00 03 08 00 00 10 00 01 00' }

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635 + Tag 0x5F2F encodes the PIN Usage Policy as follows:

636 First byte: Bit 7 indicates whether the PIV Card Application PIN satisfies the PIV
637 Access Control Rules (ACRs) for command execution⁶ and data
638 object access. Bit 7 shall always be set to 1.

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640 Bit 6 indicates whether the optional Global PIN satisfies the PIV ACRs for
641 command execution and PIV data object access.

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643 Bit 5 indicates whether the optional pairing code is implemented.

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645 Bit 4 indicates whether the optional OCC satisfies the PIV ACRs for
646 command execution and PIV data object access

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648 Bits 8 and 3 through 1 of the first byte shall be set to zero.

649 **Table 1. First Byte of PIN Usage Policy Discovery**

Value	Definition
0x40	PIV Card Application PIN alone satisfies the PIV ACRs. Pairing code has not been implemented.
0x48	Both the PIV Card Application PIN and OCC satisfy the PIV ACRs. Pairing code has not been implemented.
0x50	PIV Card Application PIN alone satisfies the PIV ACRs. Pairing code has been implemented.

⁶ Command execution pertains to the VERIFY APDU and optionally to the CHANGE REFERENCE DATA APDU.

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Value	Definition
0x58	Both the PIV Card Application PIN and OCC satisfy the PIV ACRs. Pairing code has been implemented.
0x60	Both PIV Card Application PIN and Global PIN satisfy PIV ACRs. Pairing code has not been implemented.
0x68	PIV Card Application PIN, Global PIN, and OCC all satisfy PIV ACRs. Pairing code has not been implemented.
0x70	Both PIV Card Application PIN and Global PIN satisfy PIV ACRS. Pairing code has been implemented.
0x78	PIV Card Application PIN, Global PIN, and OCC all satisfy PIV ACRs. Pairing code has been implemented.

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The second byte of the PIN Usage Policy encodes the cardholder’s PIN preference for PIV Cards with both the PIV Card Application PIN and the Global PIN enabled:

Second byte: 0x10 indicates that the PIV Card Application PIN is the primary PIN used to satisfy the PIV ACRs for command execution and object access.

0x20 indicates that the Global PIN is the primary PIN used to satisfy the PIV ACRs for command execution and object access.

PIV Card Applications that implement the pairing code shall implement the Discovery Object with the first byte of the PIN Usage Policy set to 0x50, 0x58, 0x70, or 0x78. PIV Card Applications for which both the PIV Card Application PIN and the Global PIN satisfy the PIV ACRs for PIV data object access and command execution shall implement the Discovery Object with the PIN Usage Policy set to 0x60 zz, 0x68 zz, 0x70 zz, or 0x78 zz where zz is either 0x10 or 0x20. PIV Card Applications for which OCC satisfies the PIV ACRs for PIV data object access and command execution shall implement the Discovery Object with the first byte of the PIN Usage Policy set to 0x48, 0x58, 0x68, or 0x78.

Note: If the first byte is set to 0x40, 0x48, 0x50, or 0x58, then the second byte is RFU and shall be set to 0x00.

671 The encoding of the 0x7E Discovery Object is as follows:

672 {'7E 12' {'4F 0B A0 00 00 03 08 00 00 10 00 01 00'} {'5F 2F 02 xx yy'}}, where xx and yy
673 encode the first and second byte of the PIN Usage Policy as described in this section.

674 The Security Object enforces integrity of the Discovery Object according to the issuer.

675 **3.3.3 Key History Object**

676 Up to twenty retired key management private keys may be stored in the PIV Card Application. The
677 Key History object provides information about the retired key management private keys that are
678 present within the PIV Card Application.⁷ Retired key management private keys are private keys that
679 correspond to X.509 Certificates for Key Management that have expired, have been revoked, or have
680 otherwise been superseded. The Key History object shall be present in the PIV Card Application if

⁷ See NIST Interagency Report 7676 [IR7676] for suggestions on the implementation and use of the Key History mechanism.

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681 the PIV Card Application contains any retired key management private keys, but may be present even
682 if no such keys are present in the PIV Card Application. For each retired key management private
683 key in the PIV Card Application, the corresponding certificate may either be present within the PIV
684 Card Application or may only be available from an on-line repository.

685 The Key History object includes two mandatory fields, *keysWithOnCardCerts* and
686 *keysWithOffCardCerts*, and one optional field, *offCardCertURL*. The *keysWithOnCardCerts* field
687 indicates the number of retired private keys within the PIV Card Application for which the
688 corresponding certificates are also stored within the PIV Card Application. The
689 *keysWithOffCardCerts* field indicates the number of retired private keys within the PIV Card
690 Application for which the corresponding certificates are not stored within the PIV Card Application.
691 The numeric values in both *keysWithOnCardCerts* and *keysWithOffCardCerts* are represented as
692 unsigned binary integers. The *offCardCertURL* field contains a URL that points to a file containing
693 the certificates corresponding to all of the retired private keys within the PIV Card Application,
694 including those for which the corresponding certificate is also stored within the PIV Card
695 Application. The *offCardCertURL* field shall be present if the *keysWithOffCardCerts* value is greater
696 than zero and shall be absent if the values of both *keysWithOnCardCerts* and *keysWithOffCardCerts*
697 are zero. The *offCardCertURL* field may be present if the *keysWithOffCardCerts* value is zero but the
698 *keysWithOnCardCerts* value is greater than zero.

699 The file that is pointed to by the *offCardCertURL* field shall contain the DER encoding of the
700 following data structure:

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701         OffCardKeyHistoryFile ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..20) OF SEQUENCE {  
702             keyReference           OCTET STRING (SIZE(1))  
703             cert                   Certificate  
704         }
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705 where **keyReference** is the key reference for the private key on the card and **cert** is the
706 corresponding X.509 certificate.⁸ The *offCardCertURL* field shall have the following format:

707 "http://" <DNS name> "/" <ASCII-HEX encoded SHA-256 hash of **OffCardKeyHistoryFile**>

708 The private keys for which the corresponding certificates are stored within the PIV Card Application
709 shall be assigned to the lowest numbered key references reserved for retired key management private
710 keys. For example if *keysWithOnCardCerts* is 5, then the corresponding private keys shall be
711 assigned to key references '82', '83', '84', '85', and '86'.

712 The private keys for which the corresponding certificates are not stored within the PIV Card
713 Application shall be assigned to the highest numbered key references reserved for retired key
714 management private keys. For example, if *keysWithOffCardCerts* is 3, then the corresponding private
715 keys shall be assigned to key references '93', '94', and '95'.

716 Private keys do not have to be stored within the PIV Card Application in the order of their age.
717 However, if the certificates corresponding to only some of the retired key management private keys
718 are available within the PIV Card Application then the certificates that are stored in the PIV Card
719 Application shall be the ones that were most recently issued.

⁸ The ASN.1 for **Certificate** may be imported from the ASN.1 module **PKIX1Explicit88** in Appendix A.1 of [RFC5280].

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720 The Key History object is only available over the contact and VCI. The read access control rule for
721 the Key History object is “Always,” meaning that it can be read without access control restrictions.

722 The Security Object enforces integrity of the Key History object according to the issuer.

723 **3.3.4 Retired X.509 Certificates for Key Management**

724 These objects hold the X.509 Certificates for Key Management corresponding to retired key
725 management private keys, as described in Section 3.3.3. Retired key management private keys and
726 their corresponding certificates are only available over the contact interface or VCI. The read access
727 control rule for these certificates is “Always,” meaning the certificates can be read without access
728 control restrictions. The PKI cryptographic function (see Table 4) for all of the retired key
729 management private keys is protected with a “PIN” or “OCC” access rule. In other words, once the
730 PIN or OCC data is submitted and verified, subsequent key management key operations can be
731 performed with any of the retired key management private keys without requiring the PIN or OCC
732 data again. This enables multiple private key operations without additional cardholder consent.

733 **3.3.5 Cardholder Iris Images**

734 The iris images data object specifies compact images of the cardholder’s irises. The images are
735 suitable for use in iris recognition systems for automated identity verification. The iris images data
736 object shall be encoded as specified in [SP800-76].

737 **3.3.6 Biometric Information Templates Group Template**

738 The Biometric Information Templates (BIT) Group Template data object encodes the configuration
739 information of the OCC data. The encoding of the BIT group template shall be as specified in Table 7
740 of [SP800-76]. This data object shall be absent if OCC does not satisfy the PIV ACRs for command
741 execution and data object access. When OCC satisfies the PIV ACRs for PIV data objects access and
742 command execution both the Discovery Object and the BIT Group Template data object shall be
743 present, and bit 4 of the first byte of the PIN Usage Policy shall be set.

744 **3.3.7 Secure Messaging Certificate Signer**

745 The Secure Messaging Certificate Signer data object, which shall be present if the PIV Card supports
746 secure messaging for non-card-management operations, contains the certificate(s) needed to verify
747 the signature on the secure messaging card verifiable certificate (CVC), as specified in Part 2, Section
748 4.1.5.

749 The public key required to verify the digital signature of the secure messaging CVC is an ECC key. It
750 shall be provided in either an X.509 Certificate for Content Signing or an Intermediate CVC. If the
751 public key required to verify the digital signature of the secure messaging CVC is provided in an
752 Intermediate CVC, then the format of the Intermediate CVC shall be as specified in Part 2, Section
753 4.1.5, and the public key required to verify the digital signature of the Intermediate CVC shall be
754 provided in an X.509 Certificate for Content Signing.

755 The X.509 Certificate for Content Signing shall be a digital signature certificate issued under the id-
756 fpki-common-piv-contentSigning policy of [COMMON]. The X.509 Certificate for Content Signing
757 shall also include an extended key usage (*extKeyUsage*) extension asserting id-PIV-content-signing.
758 Additional descriptions for the PIV object identifiers are provided in Appendix B of FIPS 201-2. The

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759 X.509 Certificate for Content Signing needed to verify the digital signature of a secure messaging
760 CVC or Intermediate CVC of a valid PIV Card⁹ shall not be expired.

761 Note that the option to include an Intermediate CVC is included as a temporary measure to
762 accommodate the use of certification authorities that do not support the issuance of X.509 certificates
763 that contain elliptic curve subject public keys. It is expected that the Intermediate CVC data element
764 will be deprecated in a future version of SP 800-73.

765 **3.3.8 Pairing Code Reference Data Container**

766 The Pairing Code Reference Data Container, which shall be present if the PIV Card supports the
767 virtual contact interface, includes a copy of the PIV Card's pairing code (see Section 5.1.3).

768 **3.4 Inclusion of Universally Unique Identifiers (UUIDs)**

769 This specification provides support for two UUIDs on a PIV Card. The Card UUID is a UUID that is
770 unique for each card, and it shall be present on all PIV Cards. The Cardholder UUID is a UUID that
771 is a persistent identifier for the cardholder, and it is optional to implement. The requirements for
772 these UUIDs are provided in the following subsections.

773 **3.4.1 Card UUID**

774 FIPS 201 requires PIV Cards to include a Card UUID. The Card UUID shall be included on PIV
775 Cards as follows:

- 776 1. The value of the GUID data element of the CHUID data object shall be a 16-byte binary
777 representation of a valid UUID [RFC4122]. The UUID should be version 1, 4, or 5, as
778 specified in [RFC4122, Section 4.1.3].
- 779 2. The same 16-byte binary representation of the UUID value shall be present as the value of an
780 entryUUID attribute, as defined in [RFC4530], in any CMS-signed data object that is
781 required to contain a pivFASC-N attribute on a PIV Card, i.e., in the mandatory cardholder
782 fingerprint template and facial image data objects as well as in the optional cardholder iris
783 images data object when present.
- 784 3. If the PIV Card supports secure messaging, then the same 16-byte binary representation of
785 the UUID value shall be used as the Subject Identifier in the secure messaging CVC, as
786 specified in Part 2, Section 4.1.5.
- 787 4. The string representation of the same UUID value shall be present in the X.509 Certificate for
788 PIV Authentication and the X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication, in the subjectAltName
789 extension encoded as a URI, as specified by [RFC4122, Section 3].

790 **3.4.2 Cardholder UUID**

791 As defined in Section 3.1.2, the CHUID may optionally include a Cardholder UUID. When present,
792 the Cardholder UUID shall be a 16-byte binary representation of a valid UUID, and it shall be version
793 1, 4, or 5, as specified in [RFC4122, Section 4.1.3].

⁹ A valid PIV Card is defined as a PIV Card that is neither expired nor revoked.

794 **3.5 Data Object Containers and associated Access Rules and Interface Modes**

795 Table 2 defines a high level view of the data model. Each on-card storage container is labeled either
 796 as Mandatory (M), Optional (O), or Conditional (C). The conditional data objects are digital
 797 signature key and key management key, which are mandatory if the cardholder has a government-
 798 issued email account at the time of credential issuance. This data model is designed to enable and
 799 support dual interface cards. For dual chip implementations, for any container that can be accessed
 800 over both the contact interface and the contactless interface (including the virtual contact interface)
 801 the data object shall be copied into the corresponding containers on both chips.¹⁰ Note that access
 802 conditions based on the interface mode (contact vs. contactless) take precedence over all Access
 803 Rules defined in Table 2, Column 3.

804 **Table 2. Data Model Containers**

Container Name	Container ID	Access Rule for Read	Contact / Contactless ¹¹	M/O/C
Card Capability Container	0xDB00	Always	Contact	M
Card Holder Unique Identifier	0x3000	Always	Contact and Contactless	M
X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication	0x0101	Always	Contact	M
Cardholder Fingerprints	0x6010	PIN	Contact	M
Security Object	0x9000	Always	Contact	M
Cardholder Facial Image	0x6030	PIN	Contact	M
X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication	0x0500	Always	Contact and Contactless	M
X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature	0x0100	Always	Contact	C
X.509 Certificate for Key Management	0x0102	Always	Contact	C
Printed Information	0x3001	PIN or OCC	Contact	O
Discovery Object	0x6050	Always	Contact and Contactless	O
Key History Object	0x6060	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 1	0x1001	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 2	0x1002	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 3	0x1003	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 4	0x1004	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 5	0x1005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 6	0x1006	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 7	0x1007	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 8	0x1008	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 9	0x1009	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 10	0x100A	Always	Contact	O

¹⁰ As a consequence of this requirement, any keys that have to be generated on card cannot be made available over the contactless interface (including the virtual contact interface) in a dual chip implementation.

¹¹ Contact interface mode means the container is accessible through contact and virtual contact interfaces only. Contact and contactless interface mode means the container can be accessed from any interface. The term *virtual contact interface* is used in this document as a shorthand for a security condition in which secure messaging is used **AND** the security status indicator associated with the pairing code is TRUE.

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Container Name	Container ID	Access Rule for Read	Contact / Contactless¹¹	M/O/C
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 11	0x100B	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 12	0x100C	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 13	0x100D	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 14	0x100E	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 15	0x100F	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 16	0x1010	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 17	0x1011	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 18	0x1012	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 19	0x1013	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 20	0x1014	Always	Contact	O
Cardholder Iris Images	0x1015	PIN	Contact	O
Biometric Information Templates Group Template	0x1016	Always	Contact and Contactless	O
Secure Messaging Certificate Signer	0x1017	Always	Contact and Contactless	O
Pairing Code Reference Data Container	0x1018	PIN or OCC	Contact	O

805 Appendix A provides a detailed spreadsheet for the data model. ContainerIDs and tags within the
806 containers for each data object are defined by this data model in accordance with SP 800-73-4 naming
807 conventions.

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809 **4. PIV Data Objects Representation**

810 **4.1 Data Objects Definition**

811 A *data object* is an item of information seen on the card command interface for which is specified a
812 name, a description of logical content, a format, and a coding. Each data object has a globally unique
813 name called its *object identifier* (OID), as defined in ISO/IEC 8824-2:2002 [ISO8824].

814 A data object whose data content is encoded as a BER-TLV data structure as in ISO/IEC 8825-1:2002
815 [ISO8825] is called a *BER-TLV data object*.

816 **4.1.1 Data Object Content**

817 The content of a data object is the sequence of bytes that are said to be contained in or to be the value
818 of the data object. The number of bytes in this byte sequence is referred to as the length of the data
819 content and also as the size of the data object. The first byte in the sequence is regarded as being at
820 byte position or offset zero in the content of the data object.

821 The data content of a BER-TLV data object may consist of other BER-TLV data objects. In this case
822 the tag of the data object indicates that the data object is a constructed data object. A BER-TLV data
823 object that is not a constructed data object is called a primitive data object.

824 The PIV data objects are BER-TLV objects encoded as per [ISO8825], except that tag values of the
825 PIV data object's inner tag assignments do not conform to BER-TLV requirements.¹² This is due to
826 the need to accommodate legacy tags inherited from [GSC-IS].

827 Before the card is issued, data objects that are created but not used shall be set to zero-length value.

828 **4.2 OIDs and Tags of PIV Card Application Data Objects**

829 Table 3 lists the ASN.1 object identifiers and BER-TLV tags of the thirty-six PIV Card Application
830 data objects. For the purpose of constructing PIV Card Application data object names in the
831 CardApplicationURL in the CCC of the PIV Card Application, the NIST RID ('A0 00 00 03 08') shall
832 be used and the card application type shall be set to '00'.

833 **4.3 Object Identifiers**

834 Each of the data objects in the PIV Card Application has been provided with a BER-TLV tag and an
835 ASN.1 OID from the NIST personal identity verification arc. These object identifier assignments are
836 given in Table 3.

837 A data object shall be identified on the PIV client-application programming interface using its OID.
838 An object identifier on the PIV client-application programming interface shall be a dot-delimited
839 string of the integer components of the OID. For example, the representation of the OID of the
840 CHUID on the PIV client-application programming interface is "2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.48.0."

¹² The exception does not apply to the BIT Group template, the Discovery Object or the Application Property Template (APT), since these objects use interindustry tags from ISO/IEC 7816-6.

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841 A data object shall be identified on the PIV Card Application card command interface using its BER-
 842 TLV tag. For example, the CHUID is identified on the card command interface to the PIV Card
 843 Application by the three-byte identifier '5FC102'.

844 Table 2 lists the ACRs of the thirty-six PIV Card Application data objects. See Table 4 in Section 5.1
 845 and Table 6-3 in Special Publication 800-78 [SP800-78] for the key references and permitted
 846 algorithms associated with these authenticable entities.

847 **Table 3. Object Identifiers of the PIV Data Objects for Interoperable Use**

Data Object for Interoperable Use	ASN.1 OID	BER-TLV Tag	M/O/C
Card Capability Container	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.1.219.0	'5FC107'	M
Card Holder Unique Identifier	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.48.0	'5FC102'	M
X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.1.1	'5FC105'	M
Cardholder Fingerprints	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.96.16	'5FC103'	M
Security Object	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.144.0	'5FC106'	M
Cardholder Facial Image	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.96.48	'5FC108'	M
X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.5.0	'5FC101'	M
X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.1.0	'5FC10A'	C
X.509 Certificate for Key Management	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.1.2	'5FC10B'	C
Printed Information	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.48.1	'5FC109'	O
Discovery Object	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.96.80	'7E'	O
Key History Object	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.96.96	'5FC10C'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 1	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.1	'5FC10D'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 2	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.2	'5FC10E'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 3	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.3	'5FC10F'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 4	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.4	'5FC110'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 5	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.5	'5FC111'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 6	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.6	'5FC112'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 7	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.7	'5FC113'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 8	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.8	'5FC114'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 9	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.9	'5FC115'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 10	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.10	'5FC116'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 11	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.11	'5FC117'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 12	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.12	'5FC118'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 13	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.13	'5FC119'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 14	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.14	'5FC11A'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 15	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.15	'5FC11B'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 16	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.16	'5FC11C'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 17	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.17	'5FC11D'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 18	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.18	'5FC11E'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 19	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.19	'5FC11F'	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 20	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.20	'5FC120'	O
Cardholder Iris Images	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.21	'5FC121'	O
Biometric Information Templates Group Template	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.22	'7F61'	O
Secure Messaging Certificate Signer	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.23	'5FC122'	O
Pairing Code Reference Data Container	2.16.840.1.101.3.7.2.16.24	'5FC123'	O

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850 **5. Data Types and Their Representation**

851 This section provides a description of the data types used in the PIV Client Application Programming
 852 Interface (SP 800-73-4, Part 3) and PIV Card Command Interface (SP 800-73-4, Part 2). Unless
 853 otherwise indicated, the representation shall be the same on both interfaces.

854 The data types are defined in Part 1, rather than in Parts 2 and 3 in order to achieve smart card
 855 platform independence from Part 1. Thus, non-government smart card programs can readily adopt
 856 the interface specifications in Parts 2 and 3 while customizing Part 1 to their own data model, data
 857 types, and namespaces.¹³

858 **5.1 Key References**

859 A key reference is a one-byte reference data identifier that specifies a cryptographic key or PIN
 860 according to its PIV Key Type. Table 4 and SP 800-78, Table 6-1, define the key reference values
 861 that shall be used on the PIV interfaces. The key reference values are used, for example, in a
 862 cryptographic protocol such as an authentication or a signing protocol. Key references are only
 863 assigned to private and secret (symmetric) keys, PINs, PIN Unblocking Key (PUK), OCC, and the
 864 pairing code. All other PIV Card Application key reference values are reserved for future use.

865 **Table 4. PIV Card Application Authentication and Key References**

Key Reference Value	PIV Reference Data Type	Authenticable Entity	Security Condition for Use		Retry Reset Value	Number of Unlocks
			Contact	Contactless		
'00'	Global PIN	Cardholder	Always	VCI	Platform Specific	Platform Specific
'80'	PIV Card Application PIN	Cardholder	Always	VCI	Issuer Specific	Issuer Specific
'81'	PIN Unblocking Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	Always	Never	Issuer Specific	Issuer Specific
'96'	Primary Finger OCC	Cardholder	Always	SM	Issuer Specific	Issuer Specific
'97'	Secondary Finger OCC	Cardholder	Always	SM	Issuer Specific	Issuer Specific
'98'	Pairing Code	Cardholder	Always ¹⁴	SM	Issuer Specific	Issuer Specific

¹³ A customized Part 1 data model exists in the PIV-Interoperable card (PIV-I card) specification as defined in [PIV-I NFI] and further clarified in [PIV-I FAQ]. The intent of [PIV-I NFI] is to enable issuers to issue cards that are technically interoperable with Federal PIV Card readers and their applications, and that may be trusted for particular purposes at the discretion of the relying Federal departments and agencies. PIV-I cards use the same namespace and data types as PIV Cards, however, the data model is slightly different since some of the ASN.1 OIDs that appear in PIV certificates are specific to PIV Cards and since non-Federal issuers do not have Agency Codes assigned to them, which means that they are unable to create unique FASC-N identifiers for the cards they issue. As a result, [PIV-I FAQ] requires the first 14 digits of the FASC-Ns for PIV-I cards (the Agency Code, System Code, and Credential Number) to be populated with all nines.

¹⁴ The sole use of the pairing code is the establishment of a VCI. Its use over the contact interface serves no purpose.

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Key Reference Value	PIV Key Type	Administrator	Security Condition for Use	
			Contact	Contactless
'03'	PIV Secure Messaging Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	Always	Always
'9A'	PIV Authentication Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	PIN or OCC	VCI and (PIN or OCC)
'9B'	PIV Card Application Administration Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	Always	Never
'9C'	Digital Signature Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	PIN Always or OCC Always	VCI and (PIN Always or OCC Always)
'9D'	Key Management Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	PIN or OCC	VCI and (PIN or OCC)
'9E'	Card Authentication Key ¹⁵	PIV Card Application Administrator	Always	Always
'82', '83', '84', '85', '86', '87', '88', '89', '8A', '8B', '8C', '8D', '8E', '8F', '90', '91', '92', '93', '94', '95'	Retired Key Management Key	PIV Card Application Administrator	PIN or OCC	VCI and (PIN or OCC)

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868 Secure Messaging (SM) is defined in Section 5.4 and VCI is defined in Section 5.5. Table 2 of Part 2
869 specifies the security conditions for each command.

870 When represented as a byte, the key reference occupies bits b8 and b5-b1, while b7 and b6 shall be
871 set to 0. If b8 is 0 then the key reference names global reference data. If b8 is 1, then the key
872 reference names application-specific reference data.

873 The access control rules for PIV data object access shall reference the PIV Card Application PIN and
874 may optionally reference the cardholder Global PIN or OCC data. If the Global PIN is used by the
875 PIV Card Application then the Global PIN format shall follow the PIV Card Application PIN format
876 defined in Section 2.4.3 of Part 2.

877 PIV Card Applications with the Discovery Object, and the first byte of the PIN Usage Policy value
878 set to 0x60, 0x68, 0x70, or 0x78 as per Section 3.3.2, shall reference the PIV Card Application PIN as
879 well as the cardholder Global PIN in the access control rules for PIV data object access.

¹⁵ A card may optionally have a symmetric CAK in addition to the mandatory asymmetric CAK, in which case both keys would share the same key reference and access control rules.

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880 Additionally, the PIV Card Application card commands can change the status of the Global PIN, and
881 may change its reference data while the PIV Card Application is the currently selected application.

882 Note: The rest of the document uses “PIN” to mean either the PIV Card Application PIN or the
883 Global PIN.

884 **5.1.1 OCC Data**

885 This document does not specify how the biometric reference data and comparison parameters are
886 stored internally on the card. Moreover, the export of the biometric reference data shall not be
887 allowed. Configuration data related to the biometric reference data may be read from the tag 0x7F61
888 BIT Group Template data object (see Section 3.3.6). Configuration data is defined in Table 7 of
889 [SP800-76].

890 **5.1.2 PIV Secure Messaging Key**

891 If the PIV Card supports secure messaging, the PIV Secure Messaging key shall be generated on the
892 PIV Card and the PIV Card shall not permit exportation of the PIV Secure Messaging key. The
893 cryptographic operations that use the PIV Secure Messaging key shall be available through the
894 contact and contactless interfaces of the PIV Card. The PKI cryptographic function (see Table 4) is
895 under an “Always” access rule, and thus private key operations (i.e., use of the key to establish
896 session keys for secure messaging) can be performed without access control restrictions.

897 The PIV Card shall store a corresponding secure messaging CVC to support validation of the public
898 key by the relying party. The format for the secure messaging CVC shall be as specified in Part 2,
899 Section 4.1.5. The public key required to verify the digital signature of the secure messaging CVC
900 shall be provided in a certificate in the Secure Messaging Certificate Signer data object, as specified
901 in Section 3.3.7.

902 **5.1.3 Pairing Code**

903 If the PIV Card supports the virtual contact interface then it shall implement support for the pairing
904 code. If implemented, the pairing code shall consist of eight decimal digits and it shall be generated at
905 random by the PIV Card Issuer. The results of each random pairing code generation shall be loaded
906 onto at most one PIV Card and cannot be changed by the cardholder. The pairing code value for a
907 PIV Card shall be stored in the Pairing Code Reference Data Container (see Section 3.3.8) on the card
908 and may be printed on the back of the card in an agency-specific text area (Zones 9B or 10B). PIV
909 Card Issuers may choose to provide the pairing code value to the cardholder in another manner, such
910 as printing it on a slip of paper, rather than printing it on the back of the card.¹⁶

911 Unlike the PIV Card Application PIN or the Global PIN, there are no restrictions on the caching of
912 the pairing code by client applications. It is recommended that a client application that needs to
913 communicate with a PIV Card over its virtual contact interface obtain the card’s pairing code during a
914 registration step, either by asking the cardholder to enter the value or by reading it from the card over
915 the contact interface from the Pairing Code Reference Data Container, and then cache the pairing

¹⁶ While printing the value of the pairing code on the back of the card provides maximum convenience for use by the cardholder and avoids any risk that the cardholder will forget the pairing code, it may create a risk that an attacker could obtain the value of the pairing code by surreptitiously reading it from the back of the card. Departments and agencies will need to make a risk-based decision in determining the method by which they provide cardholders with the values of their pairing codes.

916 code until the card expires. The client application may then connect to the card and establish a virtual
917 contact interface with it whenever the card is within read-range of the client application’s contactless
918 card reader without needing to prompt the cardholder.

919 5.2 PIV Algorithm Identifier

920 A PIV algorithm identifier is a one-byte identifier of a cryptographic algorithm. The identifier
921 specifies a cryptographic algorithm and key size. For symmetric cryptographic operations, the
922 algorithm identifier also specifies a mode of operation (i.e., ECB). SP 800-78, Table 6-2 lists the PIV
923 algorithm identifiers for the cryptographic algorithms that may be recognized on the PIV interfaces.

924 5.3 Cryptographic Mechanism Identifiers

925 Cryptographic Mechanism Identifiers are defined in Table 5. These identifiers serve as inputs to the
926 GENERATE ASYMMETRIC KEY PAIR card command and the Part 3 pivGenerateKeyPair() client
927 API function call, which initiates the generation and storage of the asymmetric key pair.

928 **Table 5. Cryptographic Mechanism Identifiers**

Cryptographic Mechanism Identifier	Description	Parameter
'07'	RSA 2048	Optional public exponent encoded big-endian
'11'	ECC: Curve P-256	None
'14'	ECC: Curve P-384	None

929 All other cryptographic mechanism identifier values are reserved for future use.

930 5.4 Secure Messaging

931 A PIV Card Application may optionally support secure messaging (SM). When secure messaging is
932 established, the PIV Card Application is authenticated to the relying system and a set of symmetric
933 session keys are established, which are used to provide confidentiality and integrity protection for the
934 card commands that are sent to the card using secure messaging as well as for the responses from the
935 PIV Card.

936 If implemented, SM for non-card-management operations shall only be established using the PIV
937 Secure Messaging key specified in Table 4 and the SM protocol in accordance with the specifications
938 in Section 4 of Part 2.

939 5.5 Virtual Contact Interface

940 Once secure messaging has been established over the contactless interface, a VCI may be established
941 by the presentation of the pairing code to the PIV Card using secure messaging. Any command sent
942 to the card using secure messaging while the security status indicator associated with the pairing code
943 is TRUE is considered to be sent over the VCI. All non-card-management operations that are allowed
944 over contact interface may be carried out over the VCI. Support for the VCI is optional.

945 **5.6 Status Words**

946 A Status Word (SW) is a 2-byte value returned by a card command at the card edge. The first byte of
947 a status word is referred to as SW1 and the second byte of a status word is referred to as SW2.

948 Recognized values of all SW1-SW2 pairs used as return values on the card command interface and
949 their interpretation are given in Table 6. The descriptions of individual card commands provide
950 additional information for interpreting returned status words.

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Table 6. Status Words

SW1	SW2	Meaning
'61'	'xx'	Successful execution where SW2 encodes the number of response data bytes still available
'63'	'00'	Verification failed
'63'	'CX'	Verification failed, X indicates the number of further allowed retries or resets
'68'	'82'	Secure messaging not supported
'69'	'82'	Security status not satisfied
'69'	'83'	Authentication method blocked
'69'	'87'	Expected secure messaging data objects are missing
'69'	'88'	Secure messaging data objects are incorrect
'6A'	'80'	Incorrect parameter in command data field
'6A'	'81'	Function not supported
'6A'	'82'	Data object or application not found
'6A'	'84'	Not enough memory
'6A'	'86'	Incorrect parameter in P1 or P2
'6A'	'88'	Referenced data or reference data not found
'90'	'00'	Successful execution

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955 **Appendix A—PIV Data Model**

956 The PIV data model number is 0x10, and the data model version number is 0x01.

957 The SP 800-73-4 specification does not provide mechanisms to read partial contents of a PIV data
 958 object. Individual access to the TLV elements within a container is not supported. For each
 959 container, compliant cards shall return all TLV elements of the container in the order listed in this
 960 appendix.

961 Both single-chip/dual-interface and dual-chip implementations are feasible. In the single-chip/dual-
 962 interface configuration, the PIV Card Application shall be provided the information regarding which
 963 interface is in use. In the dual-chip configuration, a separate PIV Card Application shall be loaded on
 964 each chip.

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Table 7. PIV Data Containers

Container Description	ContainerID	BER-TLV Tag	Container Minimum Capacity (Bytes) ¹⁷	Access Rule for Read	Contact / Contactless ¹⁸	M/O/C
Card Capability Container	0xDB00	'5FC107'	297	Always	Contact	M
Card Holder Unique Identifier	0x3000	'5FC102'	2916	Always	Contact and Contactless	M
X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication (Key Reference '9A')	0x0101	'5FC105'	2005	Always	Contact	M
Cardholder Fingerprints	0x6010	'5FC103'	4006	PIN	Contact	M
Security Object	0x9000	'5FC106'	1337	Always	Contact	M
Cardholder Facial Image	0x6030	'5FC108'	12710	PIN	Contact	M
X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication (Key Reference '9E')	0x0500	'5FC101'	2005	Always	Contact and Contactless	M
X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature (Key Reference '9C')	0x0100	'5FC10A'	2005	Always	Contact	C
X.509 Certificate for Key Management (Key Reference '9D')	0x0102	'5FC10B'	2005	Always	Contact	C
Printed Information	0x3001	'5FC109'	190	PIN or OCC	Contact	O
Discovery Object	0x6050	'7E'	20	Always	Contact and Contactless	O
Key History Object	0x6060	'5FC10C'	128	Always	Contact	O

¹⁷The values in this column denote the guaranteed minimum capacities, in bytes, of the on-card storage containers. Cards with larger containers may be produced and determined conformant.

¹⁸Contact interface mode means the container is accessible through contact and virtual contact interfaces only. Contact and contactless interface mode means the container can be accessed from any interface.

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Container Description	ContainerID	BER-TLV Tag	Container Minimum Capacity (Bytes)¹⁷	Access Rule for Read	Contact / Contactless¹⁸	M/O/C
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 1 (Key reference '82')	0x1001	'5FC10D'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 2 (Key reference '83')	0x1002	'5FC10E'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 3 (Key reference '84')	0x1003	'5FC10F'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 4 (Key reference '85')	0x1004	'5FC110'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 5 (Key reference '86')	0x1005	'5FC111'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 6 (Key reference '87')	0x1006	'5FC112'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 7 (Key reference '88')	0x1007	'5FC113'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 8 (Key reference '89')	0x1008	'5FC114'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 9 (Key reference '8A')	0x1009	'5FC115'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 10 (Key reference '8B')	0x100A	'5FC116'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 11 (Key reference '8C')	0x100B	'5FC117'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 12 (Key reference '8D')	0x100C	'5FC118'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 13 (Key reference '8E')	0x100D	'5FC119'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 14 (Key reference '8F')	0x100E	'5FC11A'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 15 (Key reference '90')	0x100F	'5FC11B'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 16 (Key reference '91')	0x1010	'5FC11C'	2005	Always	Contact	O

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Container Description	ContainerID	BER-TLV Tag	Container Minimum Capacity (Bytes) ¹⁷	Access Rule for Read	Contact / Contactless ¹⁸	M/O/C
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 17 (Key reference '92')	0x1011	'5FC11D'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 18 (Key reference '93')	0x1012	'5FC11E'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 19 (Key reference '94')	0x1013	'5FC11F'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 20 (Key reference '95')	0x1014	'5FC120'	2005	Always	Contact	O
Cardholder Iris Images	0x1015	'5FC121'	7106	PIN	Contact	O
Biometric Information Templates Group Template	0x1016	'7F61'	65	Always	Contact and Contactless	O
Secure Messaging Certificate Signer	0x1017	'5FC122'	2471	Always	Contact and Contactless	O
Pairing Code Reference Data Container	0x1018	'5FC123'	12	PIN or OCC	Contact	O

966 Note that all data elements of the following data objects are mandatory unless specified as optional or
967 conditional.

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Table 8. Card Capability Container

Card Capability Container		0xDB00	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes [*]
Card Identifier	0xF0	Fixed	0 or 21
Capability Container version number	0xF1	Fixed	0 or 1
Capability Grammar version number	0xF2	Fixed	0 or 1
Applications CardURL	0xF3	Variable	128
PKCS#15	0xF4	Fixed	0 or 1
Registered Data Model number	0xF5	Fixed	1
Access Control Rule Table	0xF6	Fixed	0 or 17
Card APDUs	0xF7	Fixed	0
Redirection Tag	0xFA	Fixed	0
Capability Tuples (CTs)	0xFB	Fixed	0
Status Tuples (STs)	0xFC	Fixed	0
Next CCC	0xFD	Fixed	0
Extended Application CardURL (Optional)	0xE3	Fixed	48
Security Object Buffer (Optional)	0xB4	Fixed	48
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

969 Note: The optional Extended Application CardURL and Security Object Buffer data elements are
970 deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

^{*} The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.

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Table 9. Card Holder Unique Identifier

Card Holder Unique Identifier		0x3000	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes *
Buffer Length (Optional)	0xEE	Fixed	2
FASC-N	0x30	Fixed	25
Organizational Identifier (Optional)	0x32	Fixed	4
DUNS (Optional)	0x33	Fixed	9
GUID	0x34	Fixed	16
Expiration Date	0x35	Date (YYYYMMDD)	8
Cardholder UUID (Optional)	0x36	Fixed	16
Issuer Asymmetric Signature	0x3E	Variable	2816**
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional Buffer Length, Organizational Identifier and DUNS data elements are deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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The Error Detection Code is the same element as the Longitudinal Redundancy Code (LRC) in [TIG SCEPACS]. Because TIG SCEPACS makes the LRC mandatory, it is present in the CHUID. However, this document makes no use of the Error Detection Code, and therefore the length of the TLV value is set to 0 bytes (i.e., no value will be supplied).

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Table 10. X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication

X.509 Certificate for PIV Authentication		0x0101	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes *
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 11. Cardholder Fingerprints

Cardholder Fingerprints		0x6010	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes *
Fingerprint I & II	0xBC	Variable	4000****
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.

** Recommended length: The signer certificate may cause the “Max. Bytes” value in the Issuer Asymmetric Signature field to be exceeded.

*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

**** Recommended length. The certificate that signed the Fingerprint I & II data element in the Cardholder Fingerprints data object can either be stored in the CHUID or in the Fingerprint I & II data element itself. If the latter, the “Max. Bytes” value quoted is a recommendation and the signer certificate in CBEFF_SIGNATURE_BLOCK can exceed the “Max. bytes.”

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Table 12. Security Object

Security Object		0x9000	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Mapping of DG to ContainerID	0xBA	Variable	30
Security Object	0xBB	Variable	1298
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Table 13. Cardholder Facial Image

Cardholder Facial Image		0x6030	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Image for Visual Verification	0xBC	Variable	12704****
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Table 14. Printed Information

Printed Information		0x3001	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Name	0x01	Text (ASCII)	125
Employee Affiliation	0x02	Text (ASCII)	20
Expiration date	0x04	Date (YYYYMMDD)	9
Agency Card Serial Number	0x05	Text (ASCII)	20
Issuer Identification	0x06	Fixed Text (ASCII)	15
Organization Affiliation (Line 1) (Optional)	0x07	Text (ASCII)	20
Organization Affiliation (Line 2) (Optional)	0x08	Text (ASCII)	20
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

987 In order to successfully match the printed information for verification on Zone 8F (Employee
 988 Affiliation) and Zone 10F (Agency, Department, or Organization) on the face of the card with the
 989 printed information stored electronically on the card, agencies should use tags 0x02, 0x07 and 0x08.

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Table 15. X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature

X.509 Certificate for Digital Signature		0x0100	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

991 Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of
 992 SP 800-73.

* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.

**** Recommended length. The certificate that signed the Image for Visual Verification data element (tag 0xBC) can be stored in the CHUID or in the Image for Visual Verification data element itself. If the latter, the “Max. Bytes” value quoted is a recommendation and the signer certificate in CBEFF_SIGNATURE_BLOCK can exceed the “Max. bytes.”

*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

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Table 16. X.509 Certificate for Key Management

X.509 Certificate for Key Management		0x0102	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 17. X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication

X.509 Certificate for Card Authentication		0x0500	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 18. Discovery Object

Discovery Object (Tag '7E')		0x6050	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
PIV Card Application AID	0x4F	Fixed	12
PIN Usage Policy	0x5F2F	Fixed	2

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Table 19. Key History Object

Key History Object		0x6060	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
keysWithOnCardCerts	0xC1	Fixed	1
keysWithOffCardCerts	0xC2	Fixed	1 ¹⁹
offCardCertURL (Conditional) ²⁰	0xF3	Variable	118
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.

*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

¹⁹ The numeric values indicated in keysWithOnCardCerts and keysWithOffCardCerts are represented as unsigned binary integers.

²⁰ The offCardCertURL data element shall be present if keysWithOffCardCerts is greater than zero and shall be absent if both keysWithOnCardCerts and keysWithOffCardCerts are zero. The offCardCertURL may be present if keyWithOffCardCerts is zero but keysWithOnCardCerts is greater than zero.

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Table 20. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 1

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 1		0x1001	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 21. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 2

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 2		0x1002	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 22. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 3

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 3		0x1003	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 23. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 4

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 4		0x1004	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.
*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

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Table 24. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 5

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 5		0x1005	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 25. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 6

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 6		0x1006	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 26. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 7

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 7		0x1007	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 27. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 8

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 8		0x1008	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.
*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

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Table 28. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 9

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 9		0x1009	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 29. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 10

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 10		0x100A	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 30. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 11

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 11		0x100B	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 31. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 12

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 12		0x100C	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.
*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

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Table 32. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 13

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 13		0x100D	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

1040 Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of
 1041 SP 800-73.

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Table 33. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 14

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 14		0x100E	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

1043 Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of
 1044 SP 800-73.

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Table 34. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 15

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 15		0x100F	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

1046 Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of
 1047 SP 800-73.

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Table 35. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 16

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 16		0x1010	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

1049 Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of
 1050 SP 800-73.

* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.
 *** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

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Table 36. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 17

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 17		0x1011	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 37. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 18

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 18		0x1012	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 38. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 19

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 19		0x1013	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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Table 39. Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 20

Retired X.509 Certificate for Key Management 20		0x1014	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Certificate	0x70	Variable	1856***
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
MSCUID (Optional)	0x72	Variable	38
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Note: The optional MSCUID data element is deprecated and will be eliminated in a future version of SP 800-73.

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The CertInfo byte in the certificate data objects identified in this appendix shall be encoded as follows:

* The values in the “Max. Bytes” columns denote the lengths of the value (V) fields of BER-TLV elements.
*** Recommended length. Certificate size can exceed indicated length value.

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b8	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1
RFU8	RFU7	RFU6	RFU5	RFU4	IsX509	CompressionTypeLsb	CompressionTypeMsb

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1067 CompressionTypeMsb shall be 0 if the certificate is encoded in uncompressed form and 1 if the
 1068 certificate is encoded using GZIP compression.²¹ CompressionTypeLsb and IsX509 shall be set to 0
 1069 for PIV Card Applications. Thus, for a certificate encoded in uncompressed form CertInfo shall be
 1070 0x00, and for a certificate encoded using GZIP compression CertInfo shall be 0x01.

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Table 40. Cardholder Iris Images

Cardholder Iris Images		0x1015	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Images for Iris	0xBC	Variable	7100*****
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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Table 41. Biometric Information Templates Group Template

BIT Group Template (Tag '7F61')		0x1016	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Number of Fingers	0x02	Fixed	1
BIT for first Finger	0x7F60	Variable	28
BIT for second Finger (Optional)	0x7F60	Variable	28

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Table 42. Secure Messaging Certificate Signer

Secure Messaging Certificate Signer		0x1017	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
X.509 Certificate for Content Signing	0x70	Variable	1856
CertInfo	0x71	Fixed	1
Intermediate CVC (Conditional) ²²	0x7F21	Variable	601
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

1074 The CertInfo byte in the Secure Messaging Certificate Signer data object shall provide information
 1075 about the X.509 Certificate for Content Signing. The Intermediate CVC, if present, shall be stored in
 1076 uncompressed form.

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Table 43. Pairing Code Reference Data Container

Pairing Code		0x1018	
Data Element (TLV)	Tag	Type	Max. Bytes*
Pairing Code	0x99	Fixed Text (ASCII)	8
Error Detection Code	0xFE	LRC	0

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²¹ GZIP formats are specified in RFC 1951 and RFC 1952.

***** Recommended length. The certificate that signed the Images for Iris data element (tag 0xBC) can be stored in the CHUID or in the Images for Iris data element itself. If the latter, the “Max. Bytes” value quoted is a recommendation and the signer certificate in CBEFF_SIGNATURE_BLOCK can exceed the “Max. bytes.”

²² The Intermediate CVC shall be absent if the X.509 Certificate for Content Signing contains the public key needed to verify the signature on the secure messaging CVC and shall be present otherwise.

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Appendix B—PIV Authentication Mechanisms

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To provide guidelines on the usage and behavior supported by the PIV Card, PIV authentication mechanisms and application scenarios are described in this section. FIPS 201 describes PIV authentication as “the process of establishing confidence in the identity of the cardholder presenting a PIV Card.” The fundamental goal of using the PIV Card is to authenticate the identity of the cardholder to a system or person that is controlling access to a protected resource or facility. This end goal may be reached by various combinations of one or more of the validation steps described below:

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Card Validation (CardV) — This is the process of verifying that a PIV Card is authentic (i.e., not a counterfeit card). Card validation mechanisms include:

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- + visual inspection of the tamper-proofing and tamper-resistant features of the PIV Card as per Section 4.1.2 of FIPS 201;

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- + use of cryptographic challenge-response schemes with symmetric keys; and

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- + use of asymmetric authentication schemes to validate private keys embedded within the PIV Card.

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Credential Validation (CredV) — This is the process of verifying the various types of credentials (such as visual credentials, CHUID, biometrics, and certificates) held by the PIV Card. Credential validation mechanisms include:

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- + visual inspection of PIV Card visual elements (such as the photo, the printed name, and rank, if present);

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- + verification of certificates on the PIV Card;

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- + verification of signatures on the PIV biometrics and the CHUID;

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- + checking the expiration date; and

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- + checking the revocation status of the credentials on the PIV Card.

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Cardholder Validation (HolderV) — This is the process of establishing that the PIV Card is in the possession of the individual to whom the card has been issued. Classically, identity authentication is achieved using one or more of these factors: a) something you have, b) something you know, and c) something you are. The assurance of the authentication process increases with the number of factors used. In the case of the PIV Card, these three factors translate as follows: a) something you have – possession of a PIV Card, b) something you know – knowledge of the PIN, and c) something you are – the visual characteristics of the cardholder, and the live fingerprint or iris image samples provided by the cardholder. Thus, mechanisms for PIV cardholder validation include:

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- + presentation of a PIV Card by the cardholder;

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- + matching the visual characteristics of the cardholder with the photo on the PIV Card;

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- + matching the PIN provided with the PIN on the PIV Card; and

1114 + matching the live fingerprint samples provided by the cardholder with the biometric
1115 information embedded within the PIV Card.

1116 **B.1 Authentication Mechanism Diagrams**

1117 This section describes the activities and interactions involved in interoperable usage and
1118 authentication of the PIV Card. The authentication mechanisms represent how a relying party will
1119 authenticate the cardholder (regardless of which agency issued the card) in order to provide access to
1120 its systems or facilities. These activities and interactions are represented in functional authentication
1121 mechanism diagrams. These diagrams are not intended to provide syntactical commands or API
1122 function names.

1123 Each of the PIV authentication mechanisms described in this section can be broken into a sequence of
1124 one or more validation steps where Card, Credential, and Cardholder validation is performed. In the
1125 illustrations, the validation steps are marked as CardV, CredV, and HolderV to signify Card,
1126 Credential, and Cardholder validation respectively.

1127 Depending on the assurance provided by the actual sequence of validation steps in a given PIV
1128 authentication mechanism, relying parties can make appropriate decisions for granting access to
1129 protected resources based on a risk analysis.

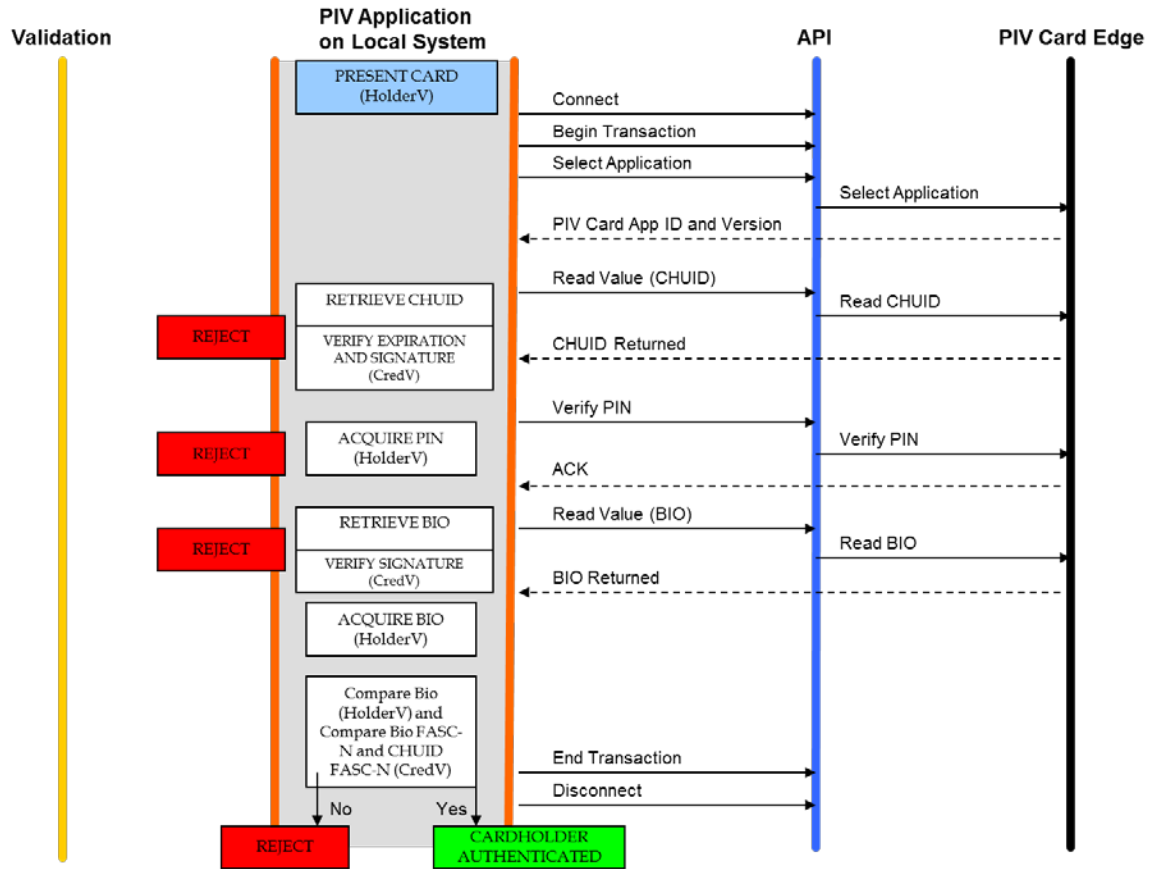
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1132 **B.1.1 Authentication Using PIV Biometrics (BIO)**

1133 The general authentication mechanism using the PIV biometrics is illustrated in Figure B-1.

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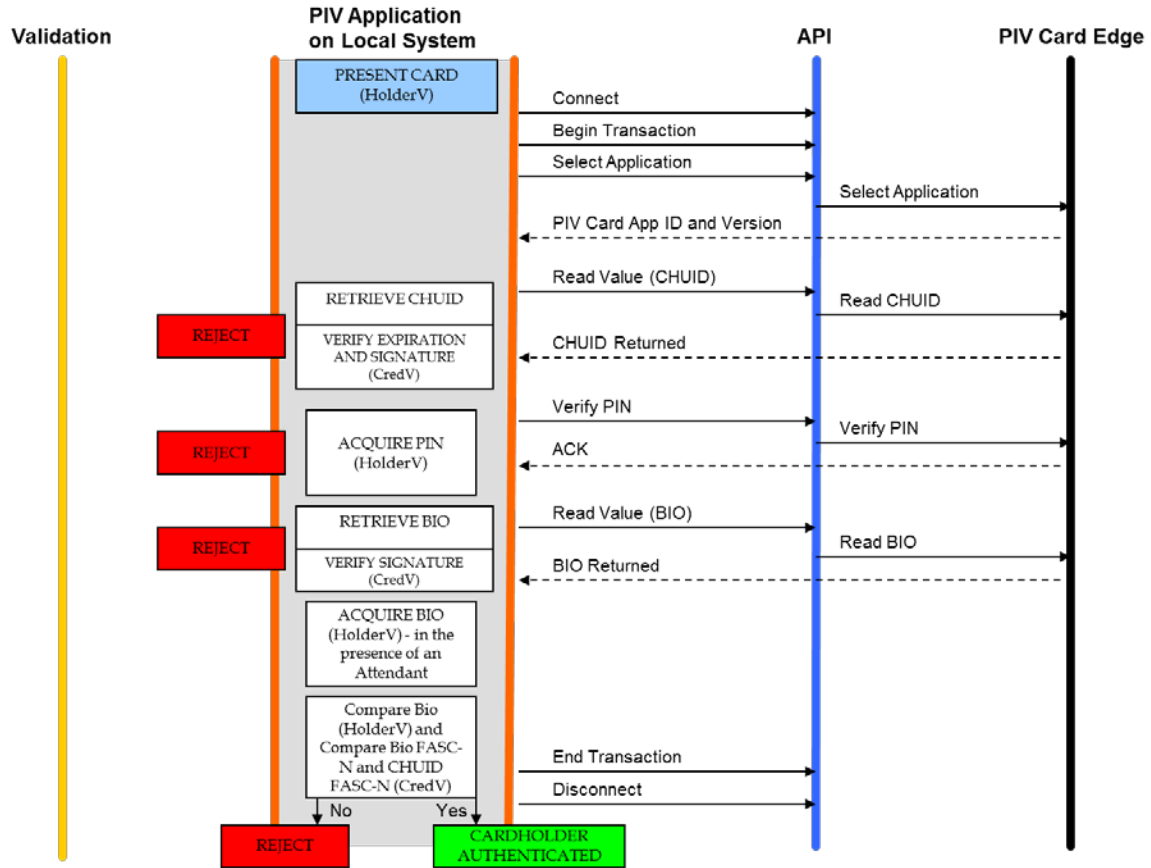
Figure B-1. Authentication using PIV Biometrics (BIO)

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1138 The assurance of authentication using the PIV biometric can be further increased if the live biometric
 1139 sample is collected in an attended environment, with a human overseeing the process. The attended
 1140 biometric authentication mechanism (BIO-A) is illustrated in Figure B-2.

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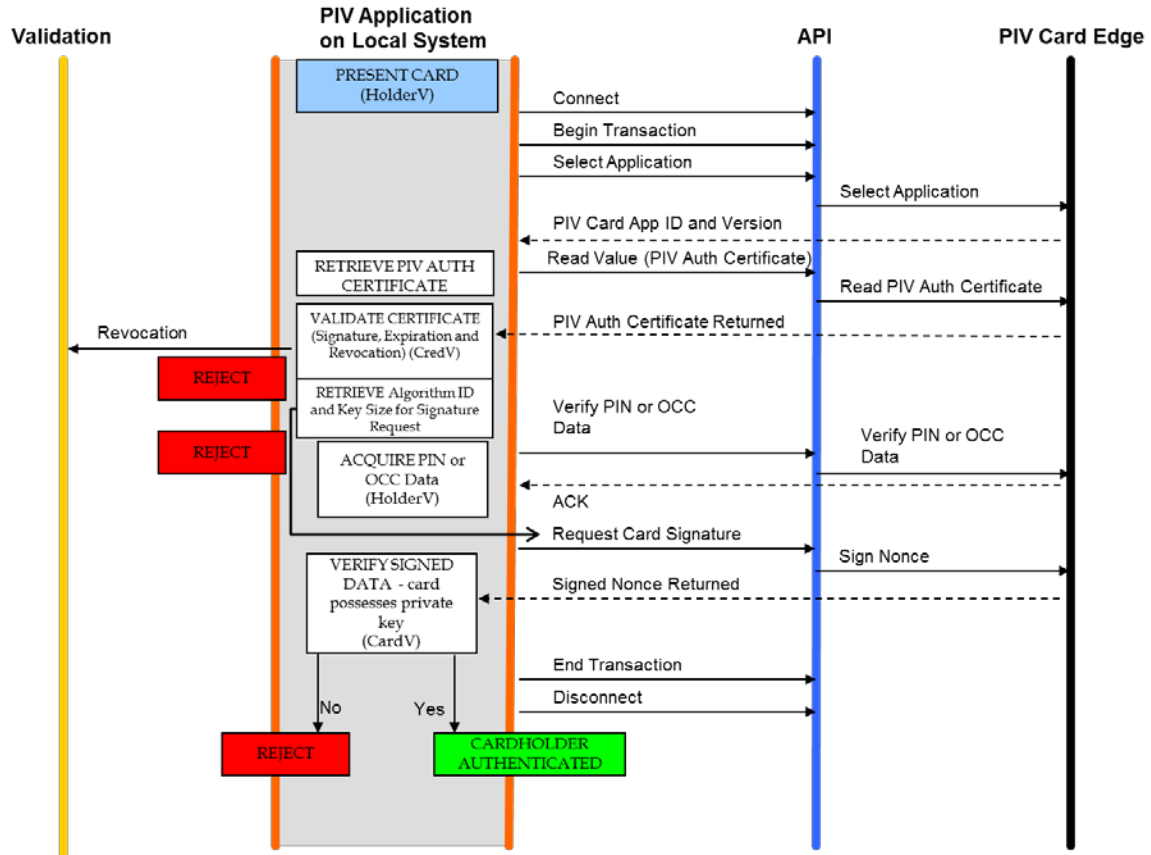
Figure B-2. Authentication using PIV Biometrics Attended (BIO-A)

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1145 **B.1.2 Authentication Using PIV Authentication Key**

1146 The authentication mechanism using the PIV Authentication key is illustrated in Figure B-3.

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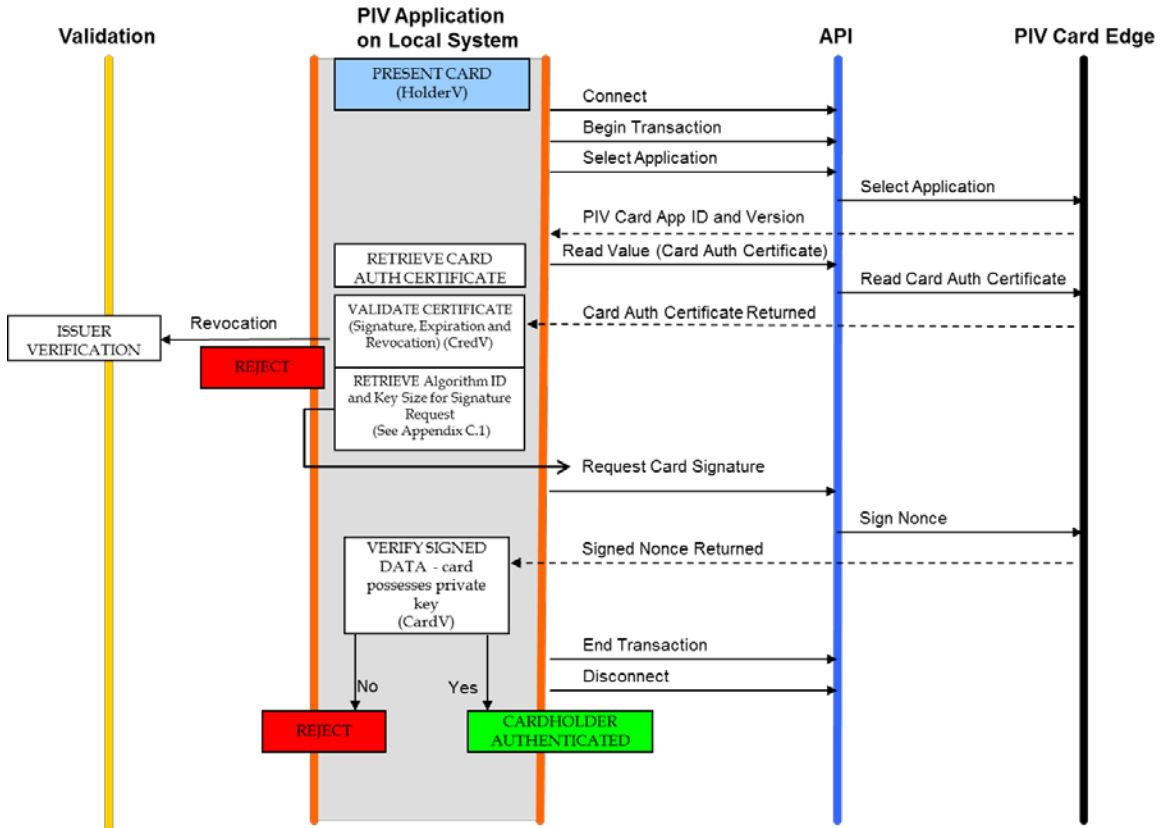
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Figure B-3. Authentication using PIV Authentication Key

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1151 **B.1.3 Authentication Using Card Authentication Key**

1152 Authentication mechanisms using the Card Authentication key are illustrated in Figures B-4 and B-5.
 1153 Figure B-4 illustrates the use of the mandatory asymmetric Card Authentication key, while Figure B-
 1154 5 uses the optional symmetric Card Authentication key for the authentication mechanism.



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Figure B-4. Authentication using an asymmetric Card Authentication Key

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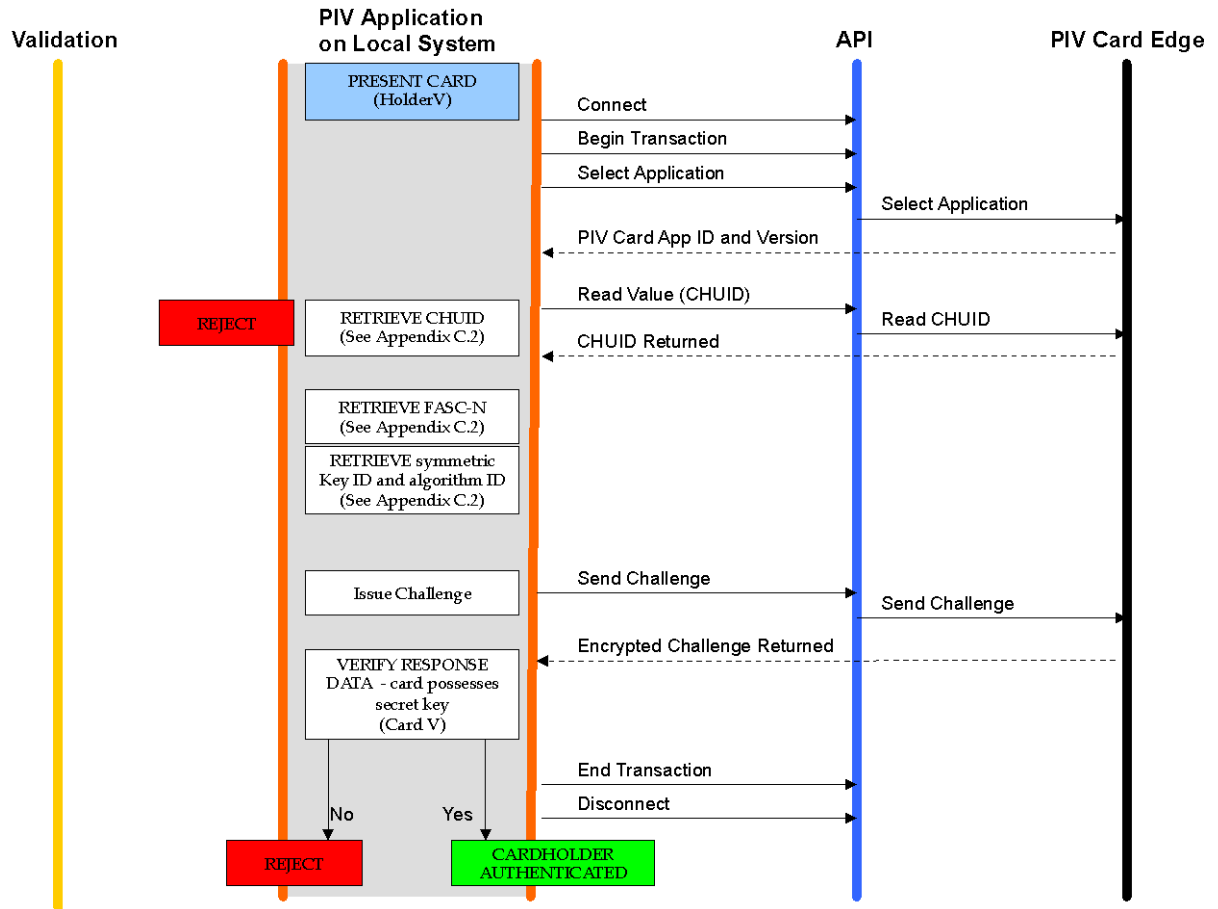


Figure B-5. Authentication using a symmetric Card Authentication Key

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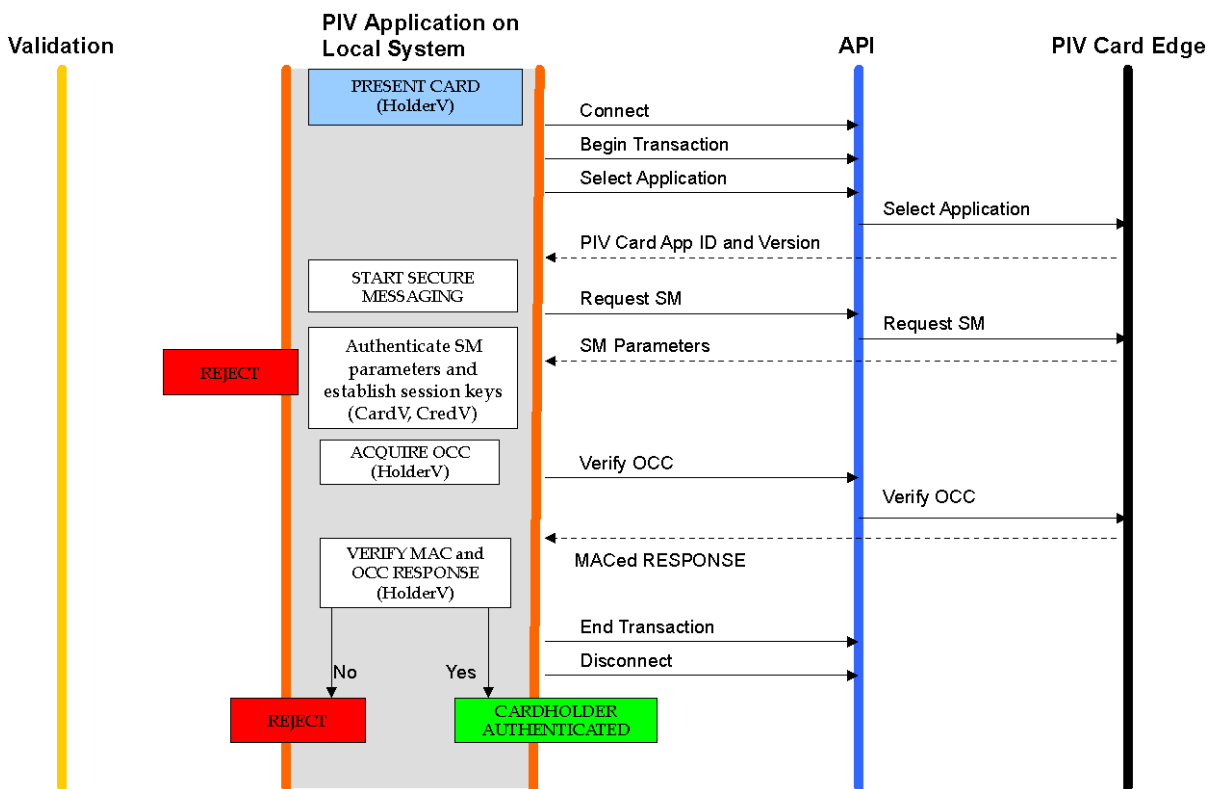
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1167 **B.1.4 Authentication Using OCC (OCC-AUTH)**

1168 The OCC-AUTH authentication mechanism is implemented by performing on-card biometric
 1169 comparison (OCC) over secure messaging. The PIV Application authenticates the PIV Card as part
 1170 of the process of establishing secure messaging. When the live-scan biometric is supplied to the card
 1171 for OCC over secure messaging, both the request and the response are protected using message
 1172 authentication codes (MAC), allowing the PIV Application on the local system to verify that the
 1173 response has not been altered and that it was created by the PIV Card that was authenticated during
 1174 the establishment of secure messaging.

1175 The OCC-AUTH authentication mechanism is performed by establishing secure messaging as
 1176 described in Section 4 of Part 2 and then performing the VERIFY command, as illustrated in Figure
 1177 B-6.



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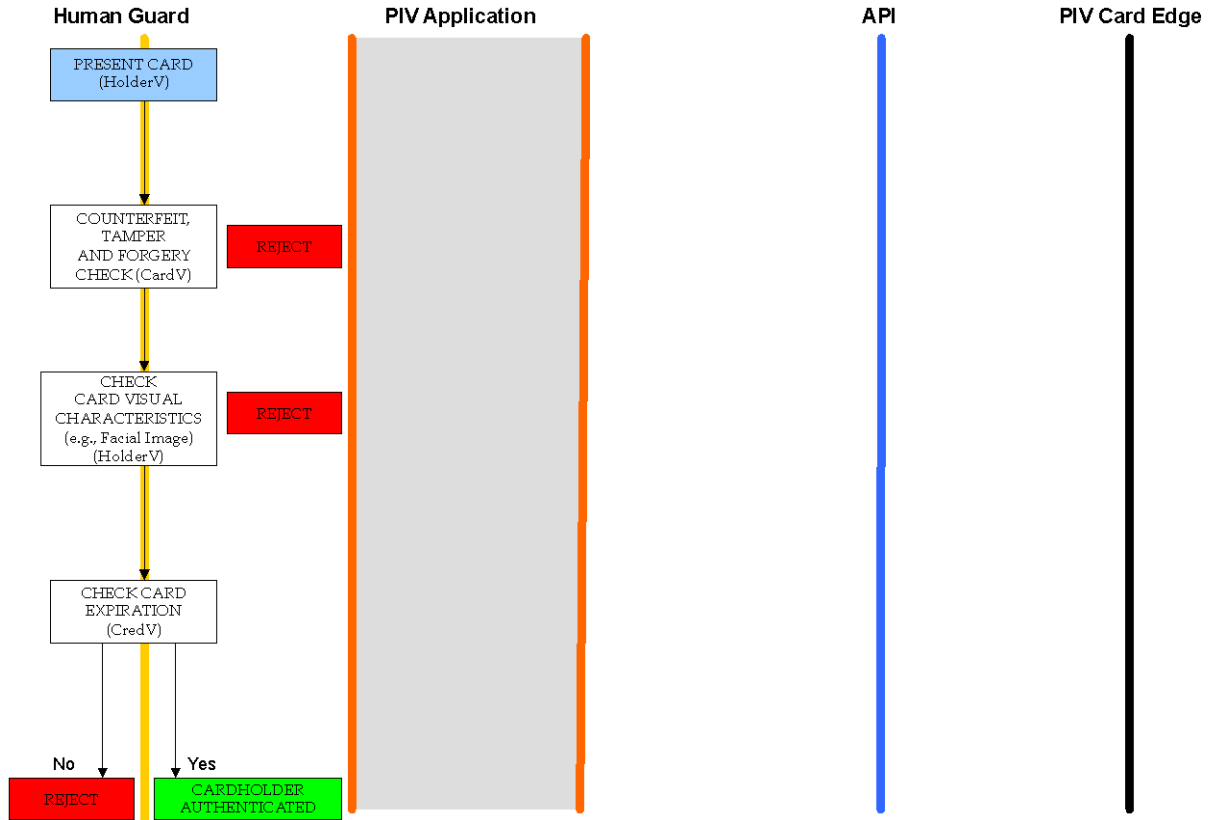
Figure B-6. Authentication using OCC

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1182 **B.1.5 Authentication Using PIV Visual Credentials**

1183 This is the authentication mechanism where a human guard authenticates the cardholder using the
1184 visual credentials held by the PIV Card, and is illustrated in Figure B-7.



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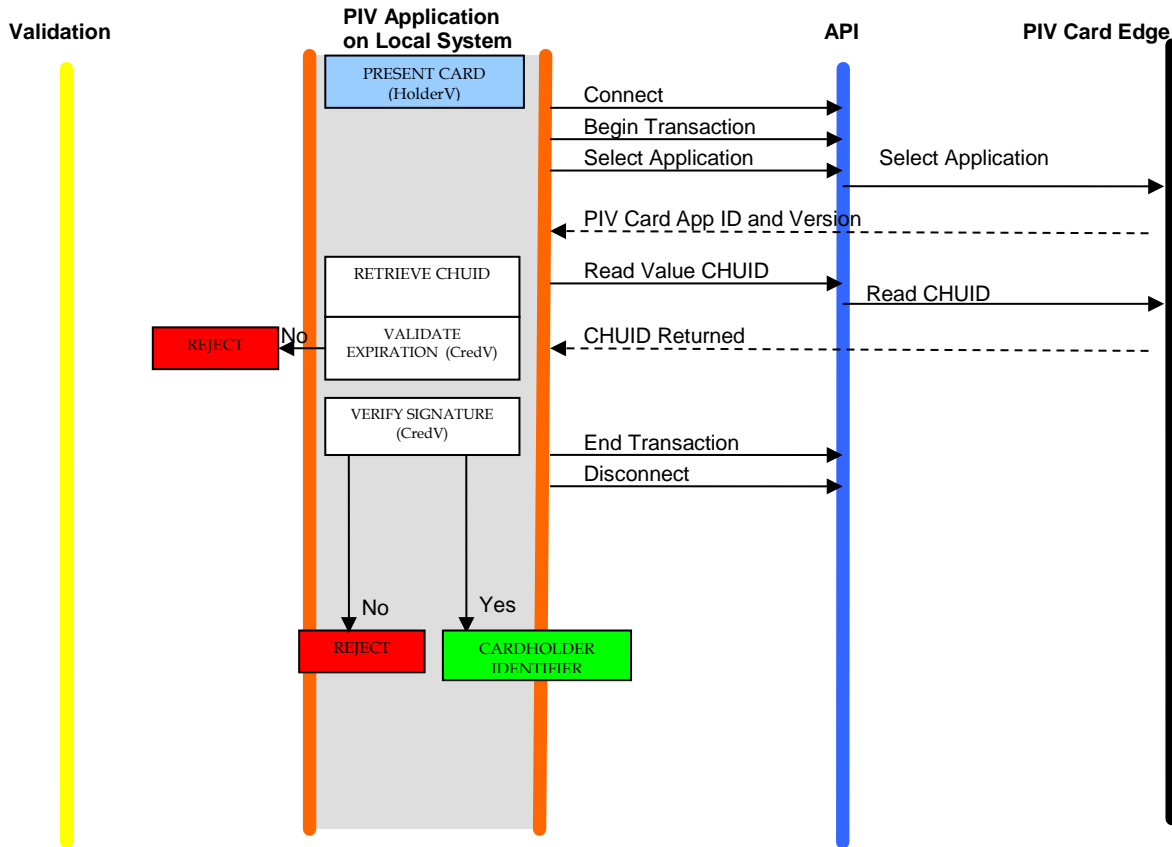
Figure B-7. Authentication using PIV Visual Credentials

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1188 **B.1.6 Authentication Using PIV CHUID**

1189 The PIV CHUID may be used for authentication in several variations. The use of the PIV Card to
 1190 implement the CHUID authentication mechanism is illustrated in Figure B-8. The minimum set of
 1191 data that must be transmitted from the PIV Application on the Local System to the host is application
 1192 dependent and therefore not defined in this Specification.

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Figure B-8. Authentication using PIV CHUID

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1196 **B.2 Summary Table**

1197 The following table summarizes the types of validation activities that are included in each of the PIV
1198 authentication mechanisms described earlier in this section.

1199 **Table 44. Summary of PIV Authentication Mechanisms**

PIV Authentication Mechanism	Card Validation Steps (CardV)	Credential Validation Steps (CredV)	Cardholder Validation Steps (HolderV)
PIV Biometric		Expiration check CHUID signature check PIV Bio signature check Match CHUID FASC-N with PIV Bio FASC-N	Possession of Card Match PIN provided by Cardholder Match Cardholder bio with PIV bio
PIV Biometric (Attended)		Expiration check CHUID signature check PIV Bio signature check Match CHUID FASC-N with PIV Bio FASC-N	Possession of Card Match PIN provided by Cardholder Match of Cardholder bio to PIV bio <i>in view of attendant</i>
PIV Authentication Key	Perform challenge and response with a PIV asymmetric key, and validate signature on response	Certificate validation of a PIV certificate	Possession of Card Match PIN or OCC data provided by Cardholder
Asymmetric Card Authentication Key	Perform challenge and response with a PIV asymmetric Card Authentication key, and validate signature on response	Certificate validation of a PIV certificate	Possession of Card
Symmetric Card Authentication Key	Perform challenge and response with a PIV symmetric key		Possession of Card
On-card Biometric Comparison	Establish Secure Messaging	Certificate validation of a PIV certificate	Possession of Card Match OCC data provided by Cardholder
PIV Visual Authentication	Counterfeit, tamper, and forgery check	Expiration check	Possession of Card Match of card visual characteristics with cardholder
PIV CHUID		Expiration check CHUID signature check	Possession of Card

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Appendix C—PIV Algorithm Identifier Discovery

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Relying parties interact with many PIV Cards with the same native key type implemented by different key sizes and algorithms.²³ For example, a relying party performing the authentication mechanism described in Appendix B.1.2 (Authentication using the PIV Authentication key) can expect to perform a challenge and response cryptographic authentication with a 2048-bit RSA key or an ECDSA (Curve P-256) key.

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This appendix describes recommended procedures for key size and algorithm discovery (PIV algorithm ID discovery) to facilitate cryptographic authentication initiated by the relying party to make appropriate decisions for granting access to logical networks and systems as well as physical access control systems. The discovery procedure is defined in terms of asymmetric and symmetric cryptographic authentication.

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C.1 PIV Algorithm Identifier Discovery for Asymmetric Cryptographic Authentication

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As illustrated in the authentication mechanisms in Appendix B, an asymmetric cryptographic authentication involves issuing a challenge (request to sign a nonce) to the PIV Card. The relying party issuing the command provides the nonce to be signed, the key reference, and the PIV algorithm identifier as parameters of the command. The nonce is random data generated by the relying party and the key reference is known. The PIV algorithm identifier, on the other hand, is unknown to the relying party and needs to be identified in order to issue the challenge command. The PIV algorithm identifier can be derived from the previous steps of the authentication mechanism. The relying party, prior to issuing the challenge command, retrieved and parsed the X.509 certificate from the card in order to 1) validate the certificate and 2) extract the public key for the pending verification of the signed nonce once returned from the card. It is during the parsing of the X.509 certificate that the PIV algorithm identifier can be identified in two steps:²⁴

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Step 1: Algorithm Type Discovery:

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The X.509 certificate stores the public key in the subjectPublicKeyInfo field. The subjectPublicKeyInfo data structure has an algorithm field, which includes an OID that identifies the public key's algorithm (RSA or ECC) as listed in Table 3-4 of SP 800-78.

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Step 2: Key Size Discovery:

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If the algorithm type, as determined in Step 1, is ECC then the key size is determined by the elliptic curve on which the key has been generated, which is P-256 for all elliptic curve PIV Authentication keys and Card Authentication keys.

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If the algorithm type, as determined in Step 1, is RSA then the key size is determined by the public key's modulus. The public key appears in the subjectPublicKey field of subjectPublicKeyInfo and is encoded as a sequence that includes both the key's modulus and public exponent.

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²³ Table 3-1, SP 800-78 lists the various algorithms and key sizes that may be used for each PIV key type.

²⁴ The PIV algorithm identifiers specify both the key size and the algorithm for the key references. Thus both values have to be discovered in order to derive the PIV algorithm identifier.

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1239 As a final step, the discovered X.509 algorithm OID and key size are mapped to the PIV algorithm
1240 identifiers as defined in Table 6-2 of SP 800-78. The relying party then proceeds to issue the
1241 GENERAL AUTHENTICATE command to the card.

1242 **C.2 PIV Algorithm Identifier Discovery for Symmetric Cryptographic Authentication**

1243 In the absence of an X.509 certificate, as is the case with symmetric cryptography, the PIV algorithm
1244 identifier discovery mechanism has to rely on a lookup table residing at the local system. The table
1245 maps a unique card identifier and key reference (inputs) to an associated PIV algorithm identifier
1246 (output). The unique identifier supplied by the card may be the Agency Code || System Code ||
1247 Credential Number of the FASC-N or the Card UUID.

1248 The symmetric Card Authentication key is optional to implement and a relying party has no prior
1249 knowledge of the key's existence. The following routine discovers the Card Authentication key's
1250 native implementation:

1251 + Read the CHUID and either extract the Card UUID or extract the Agency Code || System
1252 code || Credential Number from the CHUID's FASC-N.

1253 + Retrieve the PIV algorithm identifier from the local lookup table. If no algorithm identifier is
1254 returned, authentication cannot be performed using the optional symmetric Card
1255 Authentication key either because the PIV Card does not implement the key or the local
1256 system cannot authenticate the response from the card.

1257 **C.3 PIV Algorithm Identifier Discovery for Secure Messaging**

1258 The Application Property Template, which is included in the response to the SELECT command,
1259 optionally includes a tag 0xAC, which indicates what cryptographic algorithms the PIV Card
1260 Application supports. The presence of algorithm identifier '27' or '2E' indicates that the
1261 corresponding cipher suite is supported by the PIV Card Application for secure messaging and that
1262 the PIV Card Application possesses a PIV Secure Messaging key of the appropriate size for the
1263 specified cipher suite.

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1266 **Appendix D—Terms, Acronyms, and Notation**

1267 **D.1 Terms**

1268	Algorithm Identifier	A PIV algorithm identifier is a one-byte identifier that specifies a
1269		cryptographic algorithm and key size. For symmetric cryptographic
1270		operations, the algorithm identifier also specifies a mode of operation (i.e.,
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1272	Application Identifier	A globally unique identifier of a card application as defined in ISO/IEC
1273		7816-4.
1274	Application Session	The period of time within a card session between when a card application is
1275		selected and a different card application is selected or the card session ends.
1276	Authenticable Entity	An entity that can successfully participate in an authentication protocol with
1277		a card application.
1278	BER-TLV Data Object	A data object coded according to ISO/IEC 8825-2.
1279	Card	An integrated circuit card.
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1281	Card Application	A set of data objects and card commands that can be selected using an
1282		application identifier.
1283	Client Application	A program running on a computer in communication with a card interface
1284		device.
1285	Card Management	Any operation involving the PIV Card Application Administrator.
1286	Operation	
1287	Card Verifiable	A certificate stored on the card that includes a public key, the signature of a
1288	Certificate	certification authority, and further information needed to verify the
1289		certificate.
1290	Data Object	An item of information seen at the card command interface for which is
1291		specified a name, a description of logical content, a format, and a coding.
1292	Key Reference	A key reference is a one-byte identifier that specifies a cryptographic key
1293		according to its PIV Key Type. The identifier is part of the cryptographic
1294		material used in a cryptographic protocol, such as an authentication or a
1295		signing protocol.
1296	MSCUID	An optional legacy identifier included for compatibility with Common
1297		Access Card and Government Smart Card Interoperability Specifications.
1298	Object Identifier	A globally unique identifier of a data object as defined in ISO/IEC 8824-2.

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1299	Paring Code	An 8 digit code used to establish a relationship between the PIV Card and a device for the purpose of creating the virtual contact interface after secure messaging has been established.
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1302	PIV Key Type	The type of a key. The PIV Key Types are 1) PIV Authentication key, 2) Card Authentication key, 3) digital signature key, 4) key management key, 5) retired key management key, 6) PIV Secure Messaging key, and 7) PIV Card Application Administration key.
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1306	Relying Party	An entity that relies upon the subscriber’s credentials, typically to process a transaction or grant access to information or a system.
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1308	Status Word	Two bytes returned by an integrated circuit card after processing any command that signify the success of or errors encountered during said processing.
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1311	D.2 Acronyms	
1312	ACR	Access Control Rule
1313	AID	Application Identifier
1314	APDU	Application Protocol Data Unit
1315	API	Application Programming Interface
1316	ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
1317	ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
1318	BER	Basic Encoding Rules
1319	BIT	Biometric Information Template
1320	CAK	Card Authentication Key
1321	CBEFF	Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework
1322	CCC	Card Capability Container
1323	CHUID	Card Holder Unique Identifier
1324	CMS	Cryptographic Message Syntax
1325	CVC	Card Verifiable Certificate
1326	DER	Distinguished Encoding Rules
1327	DG	Data Group
1328	DTR	Derived Test Requirement
1329	ECB	Electronic Code Book
1330	ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography
1331	ECDH	Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman
1332	ECDSA	Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm
1333	FASC-N	Federal Agency Smart Credential Number
1334	FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
1335	FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
1336	GSC-IAB	Government Smart Card Interagency Advisory Board
1337	GSC-IS	Government Smart Card Interoperability Specification
1338	GUID	Global Unique Identification number

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1339	HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
1340	HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
1341	ICC	Integrated Circuit Card
1342	IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
1343	INCITS	InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards
1344	ISO	International Organization for Standardization
1345	ITL	Information Technology Laboratory
1346	LSB	Least Significant Bit
1347	LRC	Longitudinal Redundancy Code
1348	MAC	Message Authentication Code
1349	MRTD	Machine Readable Travel Document
1350	MSB	Most Significant Bit
1351	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
1352	NPIVP	NIST Personal Identity Verification Program
1353	OCC	On-Card biometric Comparison
1354	OID	Object Identifier
1355	OMB	Office of Management and Budget
1356	PACS	Physical Access Control System
1357	PIN	Personal Identification Number
1358	PI	Person Identifier, a field in the FASC-N
1359	PIV	Personal Identity Verification
1360	PIX	Proprietary Identifier Extension
1361	PKCS	Public-Key Cryptography Standards
1362	PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
1363	PUK	PIN Unblocking Key
1364	RFU	Reserved for Future Use
1365	RID	Registered application provider IDentifier
1366	RSA	Rivest, Shamir, Adleman
1367	SCEPACS	Smart Card Enabled Physical Access Control System
1368	SHA	Secure Hash Algorithm
1369	SP	Special Publication
1370	SM	Secure Messaging
1371	SW1	First byte of a two-byte status word
1372	SW2	Second byte of a two-byte status word
1373	TIG	Technical Implementation Guidance
1374	TLV	Tag-Length-Value
1375	URI	Uniform Resource Identifier
1376	URL	Uniform Resource Locator
1377	UUID	Universally Unique Identifier
1378	VCI	Virtual Contact Interface

1379 **D.3 Notation**

1380 The sixteen hexadecimal digits shall be denoted using the alphanumeric characters 0, 1, 2, ..., 9, A,
1381 B, C, D, E, and F. A byte consists of two hexadecimal digits, for example, '2D'. The two
1382 hexadecimal digits are represented in quotations '2D' or as 0x2D. A sequence of bytes may be
1383 enclosed in single quotation marks, for example 'A0 00 00 01 16', rather than given as a sequence of
1384 individual bytes, 'A0' '00' '00' '01' '16'.

1385 A byte can also be represented by bits b8 to b1, where b8 is the most significant bit (MSB) and b1 is
1386 the least significant bit (LSB) of the byte. In textual or graphic representations, the leftmost bit is the
1387 MSB. Thus, for example, the most significant bit, b8, of '80' is 1 and the least significant bit, b1, is 0.

1388 All bytes specified as RFU shall be set to '00' and all bits specified as RFU shall be set to 0.

1389 All lengths shall be measured in number of bytes unless otherwise noted.

1390 The expression 'X' & 'Y' is a bitwise AND operation between bytes 'X' and 'Y'.

1391 The symbol || means concatenation of byte strings. For example, if X is '00 01 02' and Y is '03 04 05',
1392 then X || Y is '00 01 02 03 04 05'.

1393 Data objects in templates are described as being mandatory (M), optional (O), or conditional (C).
1394 'Mandatory' means the data object shall appear in the template. 'Optional' means the data object may
1395 appear in the template. In the case of 'Conditional' data objects, the conditions under which they are
1396 required are provided.

1397 In other tables the M/O/C column identifies properties of the PIV Card Application that shall be
1398 present (M), may be present (O), or are conditionally required to be present (C).

1399 BER-TLV data object tags are represented as byte sequences as described above. Thus, for example,
1400 0x4F is the interindustry data object tag for an application identifier and 0x7F61 is the interindustry
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