



CREDENTIAL ASSESSMENT:

What it is

What it does

What it means

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Credential Assessment: What It Is

A uniform, highly structured means of ensuring that all components of a credential service provider's system can reliably be trusted:

- ◆ Organizational maturity**
- ◆ Identity Proofing**
- ◆ Authentication Protocol**
- ◆ Token Strength**
- ◆ Credential Status Management**
- ◆ Credential Delivery**

Credential Assessment: What It Does

Uses a Credential Assessment Framework to apply NIST and OMB authentication guidance:

- ◆ **Framework – Overarching policy**
- ◆ **Assessment Guides –“Field manuals”**
- ◆ **Profiles- Describe requirements by assurance level**
- ◆ **Checklists- evidence of compliance**

Credential Assessment: What It Means

- ◆ **Confidence in Assurance Level Value**
- ◆ **Inclusion on EA Trust List**
- ◆ **Increased value for CSPs**
- ◆ **Transparency for agency application**
- ◆ **Reduced Time to implement and reduced cost.**

Credential Assessment: CSP Process

- 1. Apply for CAF**
- 2. Undergo Assessment**
- 3. Memorandum of Agreement or Contract**
- 4. Annual reassessment**
- 5. Trust List Inclusion**