



AUTHENTICATION GUIDE



# Extended Validation SSL

Authentication Requirements





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## + Overview of Extended Validation Requirements

Extended Validation (EV) SSL Certificates help achieve the highest level of consumer trust through the strictest authentication standards of any SSL certificate. Extended Validation authentication guidelines require VeriSign to obtain and verify multiple pieces of identifying information about EV SSL Certificate applicants.

To ensure your EV SSL Certificate request is processed quickly, review and provide the authentication documents described below.

## + Organisation Authentication Requirements

The following entities are eligible to receive Extended Validation SSL Certificates provided they are currently registered with and approved by an official registration agency in their jurisdiction. The resulting charter, certificate, license or equivalent must be verifiable through that registration agency.

- Government agencies
- Corporations
- General partnerships
- Unincorporated associations
- Sole proprietorships (except in countries where there are no requirements for proprietors to register, for example, the United Kingdom)

VeriSign must be able to confirm all of the following organisational registration requirements:

- Official government agency records must include:
  - The organisation's registration number or date of registration/incorporation.
  - The organisation's registered address (or the address of the organisation's registered agent).
- A non-government data source (such as Dun & Bradstreet) must include the organisation's place of business address, telephone number and Officer/Director information (as identified in the order).
- If the organisation has been registered for less than three years, VeriSign must verify operational existence through one of the following means:
  - A non-governmental data source (such as Dun & Bradstreet)
  - or -
  - By verifying the organisation has an active demand deposit account (such as a current account) with a regulated financial institution through a Lawyer's Opinion or Accountant's Opinion letter or directly with the financial institution.

## + Domain Authentication Requirements

To qualify for an Extended Validation SSL Certificate, domain registration details must reflect the full organisation name as included on the certificate request.

- The domain must be registered with ICANN or IANA registrar (for CCTLDs).
- Where domain registration is not updated to reflect the organisation name as identified on the certificate, the organisation's exclusive right to use the domain name may be verified directly with the registered domain contact.

- The organisation's certificate approver must confirm knowledge of the organisation's domain ownership during the verification call.

#### + Organisational Contact Authentication Requirements

To qualify for an Extended Validation SSL Certificate, the Organisational Contact identified in the certificate request must be employed by the requesting organisation and have appropriate authority to obtain and delegate Extended Validation Certificate responsibilities.

Note: employment and authorisation cannot be verified through the organisation's Web site.

Note: if the Organisational Contact identified in the certificate request is listed in government records as a corporate officer (such as Secretary, President, Managing Director, CFO, COO, CIO, CSO, Director, or equivalent), then the Organisational Contact's employment and authorisation are deemed approved.

VeriSign must be able to confirm all of the following Organisational Contact requirements:

- Organisational Contact's identity, title and employment through the Organisation's human resources department or an independent source.
- The Organisational Contact is authorised to obtain and approve EV Certificates on behalf of the Organisation and to delegate this authority to others. This can be verified through one of the following methods:
  - A Lawyer's Opinion or Accountant's Opinion letter
  - A Corporate Resolution letter
  - Contacting the Managing Director, COO or similar executive at the Organisation, including persons named to be in the direct line of management, to confirm the authority of the Organisational Contact. If no public records are available regarding the Managing Director, COO or other executive, VeriSign will contact the Organisation's human resources department for contact details.

#### + Alternative Authentication Steps

If VeriSign is unable to verify any of the required information on your certificate application, we may request that you provide a professional opinion from a lawyer or accountant to verify that information.

#### + Order Verification Requirements

As part of processing an Extended Validation SSL Certificate, VeriSign must verify the certificate request and all certificate details with the Organisational Contact identified in the certificate request. VeriSign must contact the Organisational Contact using an independently obtained telephone number for the organisation's verified address (not the telephone number provided in the order).

VeriSign will obtain the telephone number through one of the following methods:

- By researching qualified telephone databases to find a telephone number. Ensure your Organisation's primary telephone number is listed in a public telephone directory.
- As provided in a Lawyer's Opinion or Accountant's Opinion letter.
- As confirmed during a site visit conducted by VeriSign.

During the verification call, VeriSign must verify the following with the Organisational Contact:

- The name of the technical contact identified in the certificate request and his or her authority to obtain the Extended Validation Certificate on behalf of the Organisation.
- Knowledge of the Organisation's ownership and right to use the domain identified in the certificate request.
- Approval of the Extended Validation SSL Certificate request.

#### + Acceptance of Agreement

During the verification call, VeriSign will provide the Organisational Contact with a verification code to use when accepting the online EV Acknowledgement of Agreement. VeriSign will also e-mail a direct link to the Agreement.

#### + Related Links

For additional details on Extended Validation SSL and authentication requirements, go to:

Extended Validation SSL FAQ at:

<http://www.verisign.ch/ssl/ssl-information-center/extended-validation-ssl-certificates/index.html>

Guidelines for Extended Validation Certificates at:

<http://www.cabforum.org>  
[www.verisign.ch](http://www.verisign.ch)