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Identification cards — On-card  
biometric comparison**

*Technologies de l'information — Identification des cartes —  
Comparaison biométrique sur cartes*



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- [Clause 7](#) has been restructured; the subclauses have been relocated within the clause:
  - in [7.3.3](#) (previously 7.1.3), configuration data elements and biometric comparison algorithm parameters have been replaced with biometric functionality information and biometric comparison parameters respectively. Refer to [7.3.3.2](#) and [7.3.3.3](#) for more information;
  - in [7.3.4](#) (previously 7.1.4), the implementation of one biometric reference for multiple applications has been updated. Refer to [Annex B](#) for an example of the updated implementation;
- [Clause 8](#) (previously Annex B) has been moved from a normative annex into the main body of the document;
- [Clause 9](#) (previously Clause 8) has been replaced with an outline of the overall work-sharing process;
- previous Annexes A, D, F and H have been removed.

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## Introduction

On-card biometric comparison provides a more secure biometric verification method than one where a biometric comparison is carried outside a secure cryptographic device. Storing biometric reference data in a secure ICC means that the reference is not available at any external interface once it has been stored in the ICC, mitigating the risk of extraction and misuse by an unauthorised party.

ISO/IEC 7816-11 and ISO/IEC 19785-3 cover technologies for off-card and simple on-card biometric comparison. ISO/IEC 17839 covers biometric system-on-card.

This document provides requirements for a biometric comparison methodology suitable for the on-card environment. It also covers the on-card comparison work-sharing techniques that require an intensity exceeding the capabilities of ICCs.

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# Information technology — Identification cards — On-card biometric comparison

## 1 Scope

This document establishes

- architectures of biometric comparison using an ICC,
- on-card biometric comparison, both in sensor-off-card systems and as part of biometric system-on-card,
- work-sharing on-card biometric comparison, and
- security policies for on-card biometric comparison.

This document does not establish

- requirements for off-card biometric comparison,
- requirements for biometric system-on-card (as defined in ISO/IEC 17839), or
- modality-specific requirements for storage and comparison.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-11, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*

ISO/IEC 19785-3, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 3: Patron format specifications*

ISO/IEC 19794 (all parts), *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats*

ISO/IEC 24761, *Information technology — Security techniques — Authentication context for biometrics*

ISO/IEC 29794 (all parts), *Information technology — Biometric sample quality*

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