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**Part 4:  
Finger image data**

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## Foreword

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A list of all parts in the ISO 29794 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

This document specifies finger image quality metrics. A reference implementation of the normative metrics is available at <https://github.com/usnistgov/NFIQ2>.

The quality of finger image data is defined to be the degree to which the finger image data fulfils specified requirements for the targeted application. Thus, the quality information is useful in many applications. ISO/IEC 19784-1 allocates a quality field and specifies the allowable range for the scores, with a recommendation that the score be divided into four categories with a qualitative interpretation for each category. Image quality fields are also provided in the fingerprint data interchange formats standardized in ISO/IEC 19794-2, ISO/IEC 19794-3, ISO/IEC 19794-4, and ISO/IEC 19794-8. This document defines a standard way to calculate the finger image quality score that facilitates the interpretation and interchange of the finger image quality scores.



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## Part 4: Finger image data

### 1 Scope

This document establishes

- terms and definitions for quantifying finger image quality,
- methods used to quantify the quality of finger images, and
- standardized encoding of finger image quality,

for finger images at 196,85 px/cm spatial sampling rate scanned or captured using optical sensors with capture dimension (width, height) of at least 1,27 cm × 1,651 cm.

### 2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 2382-37, *Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 37: Biometrics*

ISO/IEC 19794-1:2011, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 1: Framework*

ISO/IEC 29794-1, *Information technology — Biometric sample quality — Part 1: Framework*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 2382-37, ISO/IEC 29794-1 and the following apply.

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

##### 3.1.1

##### **foreground region**

set of all pixels of a finger image that form valid finger image patterns

Note 1 to entry: The most evident structural characteristic of a valid finger image is a pattern of interleaved ridges and valleys.