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## Foreword

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- clarification of the date of birth which includes unknown or uncertain part;
- addition of CDDL structure for representation of relationship attribute.

A list of all parts in the ISO/IEC 23220 series can be found on the ISO and IEC websites.

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## Introduction

Electronic ID-Applications (eID-Apps) are today commonly used in badges and ID cards with integrated circuits and allow users to complete electronic identification, authentication, or optionally, to create digital signatures. Many different application areas have an essential need for these mechanisms and use different means to provide these features (e.g. health system with health assurance cards or health professional cards, financial sector with payment cards, governmental ID with national ID cards, electronic passports or driver's licences, educational systems with student cards or library cards, in the company sector with employee cards and in the private sector with any kind of member cards).

Mobile devices (e.g. mobile phones or smart phones, wearable devices) are a central part of the daily life for many individuals. They are not only used for communication, but also for emailing, access to social media, gaming, shopping, banking, and storing of private content such as photos, videos and music. They are used today as a personal device for business and private applications. With the ubiquity of mobile devices in day-to-day activities there is a strong demand from users to have eID-Apps or services with identification/authentication mechanisms on their mobile equipment, e.g. an mdoc app.

An mdoc app can be deployed to provide a number of different digital ID-documents. Additionally, it can reside among other eID-Apps on a mobile device. Moreover, users can possess more than one mobile device holding an mdoc app, which leads to enhanced mechanisms for the management of credentials and attributes.

The technical preconditions for the deployment of mdoc apps exist and they are partly standardized to support security and privacy on a mobile device. Examples for containers of eID-App solutions are the software-based Trusted Execution Environment (TEE), hardware-based secure elements such as universal integrated circuit card (UICC), embedded or integrated UICC (eUICC or iUICC), embedded secure elements, secure memory cards with cryptographic module or other dedicated internal security devices residing on the mobile device, as well as solutions with server-based security means.

As mdoc apps can be located on different forms of mobile devices featuring different security means, being as generic as possible helps them to be adoptable to different variants of trusted eID-Management. This diversity leads also to different levels of security, trust and assurance. Trusted eID-Management thereby implies the (remote) administration and use of one or several security elements (e.g. in form of an intelligent network), credentials and user attributes with different levels of security suitable to their capability and power.

Access to the mdoc app by the external world is performed by the available transmission channels. Typical local communication channels are Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), Near Field Communication (NFC) and Wi-Fi aware, whereas remote communication is typically an internet connection over mobile networks and Wi-Fi networks. The way of identification and choice of the transmission interface and protocols is an essential part for a trusted eID-Management.

Those mdoc apps are used in different areas of daily life and are the focus of different standardization activities. This document aims at delivering mechanisms and protocols usable by other standards to provide interoperability and interchangeability. With these basics in mind, future mdoc apps can be derived and extend the ISO/IEC 23220 series.

The ISO/IEC 23220 series builds upon existing standards comprising four main subjects:

- a) secure channel establishment;
- b) API call serialization method;
- c) data element naming convention; and
- d) payload transport over communication channel protocols, which are constitutive of the interoperability pillars.

In addition, it adds means to establish Trust on First Use (TOFU).

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Examples can be found in [Annex A](#).

NOTE The ISO/IEC 23220 series inherits and enhances the functionality that was adopted by mobile driving licence (mDL) applications whereby ensuring backward compatibility with ISO/IEC 18013-5.

# Cards and security devices for personal identification — Building blocks for identity management via mobile devices —

## Part 2: Data objects and encoding rules for generic eID systems

### 1 Scope

This document specifies data objects and encoding rules of generic eID-Systems in terms of building blocks for mobile document system infrastructures, and standardizes generic data models for data exchanges between mdoc apps and verification applications.

This document is applicable to entities involved in specifying, architecting, designing, testing, maintaining, administering, and operating a mobile eID-System in parts or as a whole.

### 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.

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