
**Identification cards — Machine readable
travel documents —**

Part 3:
**Machine readable official travel
documents**

*Cartes d'identification — Documents de voyage lisibles par machine —
Partie 3: Documents de voyage officiels lisibles par machine*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 7501-3:1997), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

ISO/IEC 7501 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Identification cards — Machine readable travel documents*:

- *Part 1: Machine readable passport*
- *Part 2: Machine readable visa*
- *Part 3: Machine readable official travel documents*

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Part 3: Machine readable official travel documents

This part of ISO/IEC 7501 specifies generic formats and minimum data elements for visual inspection and machine reading of official travel documents in the ID-1 and ID-2 card formats containing standardized, globally interoperable machine readable optical character recognition (OCR) data, which may at the option of Governments, be accepted in lieu of a passport as defined in Annex 9 (Chapter 3, paragraph 3.4) to the Convention on International Civil Aviation year 1946 (as revised).

The edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Document, i.e. Doc 9303 Part 3 – Size-1 and Size-2 Machine Readable Official Travel Documents, Sections III and IV, Technical Specifications, which was adopted as ISO/IEC 7501-3:1997 is now out of date and in the process of being revised.

ICAO Doc 9303 Part 3 is maintained by a Technical Advisory Group on Machine Readable Travel Documents (TAG/MRTD). ISO/IEC JTC 1 has provided and continues to provide liaison during the TAG/MRTD meetings on Doc 9303 Part 3.

Once the new edition of Doc 9303 Part 3 – Size-1 and Size-2 Machine Readable Official Travel Documents is finalized by the TAG/MRTD, ISO/IEC JTC 1 will undertake its consideration for endorsement as a new third edition of ISO/IEC 7501-3.

Information on the TAG/MRTD for ICAO Doc 9303 Part 3 can be obtained on application to the Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization, 999 University Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7.

