**California Digital ID Framework** Safe and scalable digital access for Californians



A digital identity (ID) is the electronic validation of an individual's identity similar to a physical ID card. A digital ID can be presented electronically to verify an individual's identity in order to access information or services online. The **Digital ID framework** is a combination of systems and electronic artifacts that securely and conveniently allows the State to **verify individuals' identities to** determine benefits eligibility, access to government services, and to distribute benefits to eligible individuals.

CDT leads the development, implementation, administration, and

data, technology infrastructure, digital services, and governance that allows for digital identity and program eligibility verification. As per the authority of the State CIO and State CTIO, CDT is building both the technology supporting this framework as well as policy, guidance, and governance to empower other State departments to use it to enhance their own digital service offerings. The Framework is built around statewide technology and digital strategies and founded on four key principles: World-class security; Privacy-by-Design; Access and Equity; Openness and Transparency.

management of the California Digital ID Framework – a collection of

### There are three primary elements that make the Digital ID Framework a tool for users to gain access to the many benefits that come along with state services:

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A shared central technology architecture that facilitates the interaction between various digital platforms for identification and eligibility verification. The gateway will be the state's preferred

### service that leverages information held by one or more Identity Providers to enable Departments to identify and determine the

eligibility of residents and provides the basis for a Single Sign-on (SSO) solution to access all state services. CDT also implements policy, standards, and requirements to establish the gateway as a statewide standard. In addition, CDT administers contracts related to the Gateway to allow for State departments to build off of CDT's identity management services. Digital Credentials (Digital artifacts built off of CDT governance and overseen by CDT's Office of Digital Services) CDT-administered rules and requirements and development oversight to encourage State entities to develop digital credentials to integrate with the California Identity Gateway. These credentials securely store

## relevant information, either by the issuing entity or directly on a user's device.

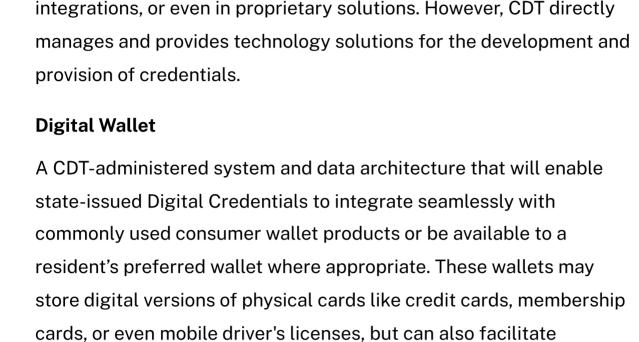
**California Digital ID Framework** Safe and scalable digital access for Californians Credential types include items such as state park passes, state-

issued professional licenses, vaccine records, transit passes with

embedded discounts, electric vehicle charger access, and the mobile

driver's license (mDL). These credentials may be presented in many

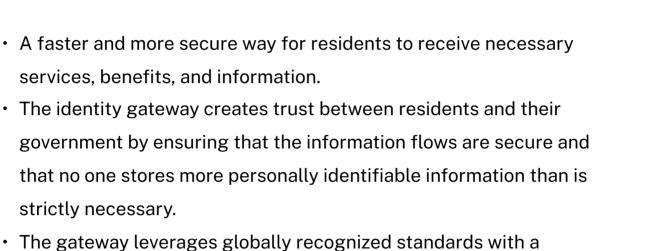
different formats, including web, mobile apps, native mobile



confirm their eligibility for a benefit or discount. Often, these features can be combined into a single credential. CDT will develop policy and governance regarding the development, use, and security of digital credentials. To provide additional support CDT will lead the State in the development of procurement vehicles and data sharing agreements that are necessary for the optimal implementation of digital wallet systems.

transactions, allowing users to pay for goods and services digitally, or

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# The technical architecture of the gateway creates flexibility for

strictly necessary.

easy to scale.

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Raw ID Data

California Identity Gateway

Request for ID or

Benefits, or Gedentials

**Accomplishments** 

Eligibilty Data

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Raw Eligibility

both the State and identity providers, allowing Digital ID services to easily scale with the diversity of use cases state and local agencies deal with.

preference towards open-source software, making the solution

- The modular design of the gateway allows for the flexibility for State departments to build benefits and services in the way that best meets their mission objectives.

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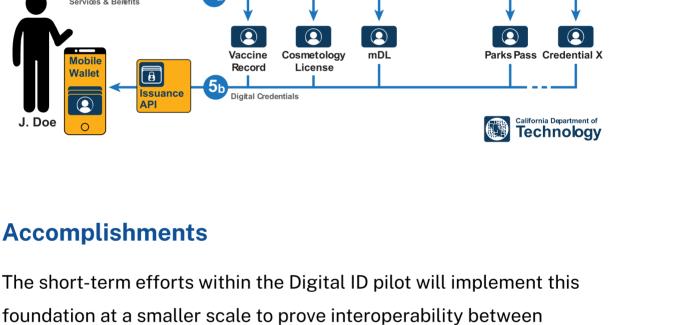
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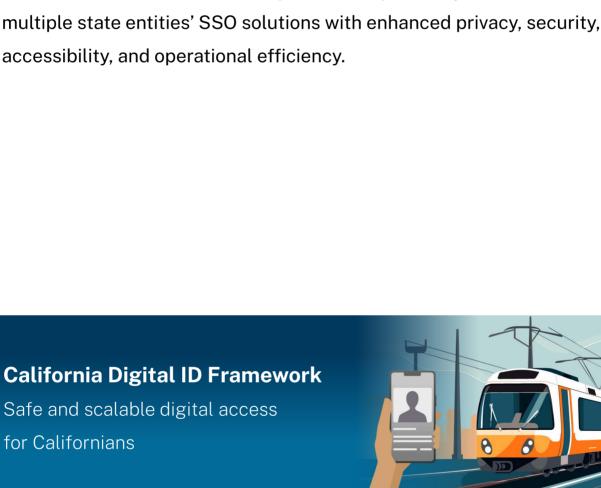
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State Parks

Agency X

Individual



Implemented to support state and local agencies in providing

user privacy. The California Identity Gateway ensures that the

a centralized and interoperable system, built on the California

is with Login.gov, a service of the Federal Government's General

Services Administration. This work is complete and fully operational.

identifiable information than is strictly necessary.

**Statewide Online Digital Identification Pilot** 

is an opt-in service provided to residents.

equitable, inclusive, secure, and easy-to-access government services.

It does so by enabling them to verify user attributes while protecting

information flows are secure, and that no one stores more personally

Demonstrates single sign-on (aka SSO), privacy and fraud controls in

Identity Gateway, and accessible from several distinct agencies. This

### **Identity Verification integrations** The California Identity Gateway supports multiple Identity Providers (IdPs) as appropriate to each agency's needs. CDT's initial integration

**Eligibility Verification APIs** 

Age-related benefits

**California Identity Gateway** 

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A successful Digital ID pilot will lead to a state-wide, federated

identity service where all online state services can be accessed

interoperate with mobile driver's license processes for identity

proofing as well as additional use cases to digitize other licensure

Transit Discount Sacramento Regional Transit I October 2023

Identity Gateway Integration I September 2023

Digital Credentials I December 2023

Eligibility Verification APIs I December 2023

Veteran eligibility status I September 2023

CalFresh eligibility status I December 2023

Digital Wallets I December 2023

through a single service. The long-term solution will also

**Current Projects and Synergy Efforts** 

#### Transit Discount Santa Barbara Transportation District I December 2023 CARB Green Energy Rebates I TBD Publish Policies, Standards, & Requirements | September 2023

Pilot expansion I October 2023

and permitting applications.

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Mobile Driver's License (mDL) I December 2023

**Identity Provider integrations I March 2024** 

2024

I September 2023

- - Roadmap

  - CDT continues to solidify the technology and policy elements of the Digital ID Framework by: Implementing the California Identity Gateway:
  - Onboard new IDPs and eligibility providers • The CDT's is identifying new integrations that can provide information about Californians' income and other common eligibility criteria. **Developing Statewide Policy:**

Transportation benefits program

### project which will introduce the capability to convert the state's most prevalent physical identification card into a digital credential enabling secure access and authentication for online use. Residents will be able to store a valid, government-issued driver's license on the mobile device of their choosing.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for the mDL

Login.gov IAL2 (identity proofing) self-certification and readiness

DMV verification integration option via Identity Gateway I March

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agencies across California. Pursue additional state agency partners

certificates, and benefits.

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- Continue to improve access to affordable transit • In partnership with Cal-ITP, the CDT will continue to support implementation of the existing transit discount system to new transit
- The CDT continues to engage with new state agencies to identify opportunities to improve verification processes for a wide array of state services and benefits.
  - Finalize the Digital ID framework • The CDT is working to finalize the Digital ID framework and its associated policies, and publish additional guidance for state agencies.

• The CDT is working to develop guidance for state agencies on the issuance and use of digital credentials that will standardize and improve the user experience for digital state-issued passes,

CDT is developing tools that state agencies can use to streamline and

automate elements of credential issuance to speed uptake.

 Engage with additional policy authorities • To enact the policies associated with the Digital ID Framework the CDT is collaborating with other statewide authorities such as the California Privacy Protection Agency (CPPA). **Developing Statewide Digital Credentials:** Establish a style guide and minimum standards

• Developing tools to make digital credential issuance easier