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algorithms**

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## Foreword

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- *Part 1: Principles and framework*
- *Part 2: Testing methodologies for technology and scenario evaluation*
- *Part 3: Modality-specific testing* [Technical Report]
- *Part 4: Interoperability performance testing*
- *Part 5: Access control scenario and grading scheme*
- *Part 7: Testing of on-card biometric comparison algorithms*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 6: Testing methodologies for operational evaluation*

## Introduction

Biometric recognition algorithms have been ported to ISO/IEC 7816 integrated circuit cards to realize the privacy enhancing benefits asserted for the on-card biometric comparison paradigm. While the most common commercial realization of this capability has been the comparison of fingerprint minutiae templates on card, comparison of data from other modalities has been implemented also. Indeed the relevant card standards have been explicitly drafted to support arbitrary biometric modalities. Further information on modality-specific aspects can be found in ISO/IEC 19795-3. In any case, while the computational capability of such cards has increased in recent years, there remains the question of whether verification accuracy needs to be traded off for speed or data size or both. For fingerprint templates, the goal of improved efficiency has led to the development of the ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 compact-size card formats specifically for on-card biometric comparison.

This part of ISO/IEC 19795 specifies a mechanism for measuring both accuracy and speed of ISO/IEC 7816 integrated circuit cards processing data from arbitrary modalities. It includes examples for the data structures and commands needed to match conformant ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 minutiae templates on cards.

# Information technology — Biometric performance testing and reporting —

## Part 7: Testing of on-card biometric comparison algorithms

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 19795 establishes a mechanism for measuring the core algorithmic capabilities of biometric comparison algorithms running on ISO/IEC 7816 integrated circuit cards. Specifically, this part of ISO/IEC 19795

- instantiates a mechanism for on-card biometric comparison testing;
- standardizes procedures for the measurement of the accuracy of on-card biometric comparison implementations running on object-based, test-specific sample cards;
- standardizes procedures for the measurement of durations of the various operations; and
- gives examples for matching ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005 compact card minutiae templates.

The following are specifically not within the scope of this part of ISO/IEC 19795:

- procedures for securing the communications channel, including cryptographic protection of the biometric templates;
- procedures for protection of sample or template integrity using digital signatures;
- authentication of the card and reader;
- selection or use of transmission protocols (e.g. contactless);
- profiles of specific data interchange standards;
- procedures for evaluation of readers, including performance, conformance and interoperability;
- procedures for evaluation of ruggedness or durability of the card;
- on-card template generation (e.g. extraction of minutiae from images),
- template update or adaptation;
- formal conformance tests of ISO/IEC 7816-4 and ISO/IEC 7816-11;
- testing of devices not conforming to ISO/IEC 7816, including all system-on-card devices.



## 2 Conformance

A test is conformant to this part of ISO/IEC 19795 if it conforms to the normative requirements of Clauses 5 and 6.

An on-card comparison implementation is conformant to the test specification of Clause 7 if it supports all the requirements of Clause 7.

## 3 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 7816-4:2005, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-6:2004, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-11:2004, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*

ISO/IEC 19785-3:2007, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 3: Patron format specifications*

ISO/IEC 19795-1:2006, *Information technology — Biometric performance testing and reporting — Part 1: Principles and framework*

ISO/IEC 19795-2:2007, *Information technology — Biometric performance testing and reporting — Part 2: Testing methodologies for technology and scenario evaluation*