

## GLOSSARY

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ABTC

**APEC Business Travel Card**

Card used by business travellers from APEC member countries to enable visa-free travel between APEC countries and expedited processing at immigration checkpoints.

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APEC

**Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation**

An inter-governmental grouping focussed on facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Members:**

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States of America, Vietnam.

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API

**Advance Passenger Information**

A system where certain information (usually that contained in the machine-readable zone of travel documents) about passengers is collected and transmitted to border control agencies before a flight arrives and is made available on the primary line at the port of entry.

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ASEAN

**The Association of Southeast Asian Nations**

The ASEAN aims and purposes are to accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region in order to strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful community of South East Asian nations, and to promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries in the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter.

**Members:**

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

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**Autogate system** Immigration clearance system used in combination with identity Smart Cards to facilitate entry and exit at border checkpoints.

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**Biometrics** The technology used to identify individuals by their unique biological traits, such as those based on DNA testing, facial recognition, fingerprinting, iris scanning, wrist x-rays.

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**Digital Signature** An electronic cryptographic process used to assure message originator authenticity, integrity, and non-repudiation to enable secure e-transactions.

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**ICAO** **International Civil Aviation Organisation**  
ICAO is a specialised agency of the United Nations whose mandate is to ensure the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation

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**ICAO biometric standards** Standards set by ICAO for biometric identification information in passports and other machine-readable travel documents. ICAO has selected facial recognition as their global standard.

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**Identity fraud** Identity fraud occurs when a person falsely represents him or herself as another person or as a fictitious person, or alters certain details about themselves. This will generally involve altering, omitting, substituting or creating information relating to the following key identifiers:

- Name (including deliberate transposition of names to obscure identity)
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Citizenship or nationality
- Address
- Photographs
- Biometric identifiers (if applicable)

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ILO

**International Labour Organization**

The ILO is a United Nations agency that formulates international labour standards in the form of Conventions and Recommendations setting minimum standards of basic labour rights.

In June 2003 the ILO adopted a global convention to require commercial seafarers to carry new biometric identity cards - fingerprint, face, hand or iris data.

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IEC

**International Electrotechnical Commission**

The IEC prepares and publishes international standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies. These serve as a basis for national standardization and as references when drafting international tenders and contracts.

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ISO

**International Organization for Standardization**

ISO is a network of national standards institutes from 148 countries working in partnership with international organizations, governments, industry, business and consumer representatives. ISO sets standards for identity cards, image technology, machine readable travel documents and biometrics.

ISO and IEC have established a Joint Technical Committee on Information Technology, including a subcommittee on Biometrics. The goal is to ensure a high priority, focussed and comprehensive approach, worldwide, for the development and approval of formal international biometric standards.

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Personal Identifier

Information that is collected and used to identify a specific person, e.g. fingerprints, handprints, height and/or weight measurements, photograph, audio or video recording, signature, biometric identifier.

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## PIDC

### **Pacific Immigration Director's Conference**

PIDC is a 23 member group of immigration agencies in the Pacific region. The group meets annually to consult, share information and provide one another with technical assistance. This cooperation and consultation is in support of strengthening the territorial borders and the integrity of entry systems.

#### **Members:**

American Samoa, Australia, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Futuna, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis.

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## PIF

### **Pacific Islands Forum**

The PIF works in support of member governments to enhance the economic and social well-being of the people of the South Pacific by fostering cooperation between governments and between international agencies, and by representing the interests of members in ways agreed by the Forum.

#### **Members:**

Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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## Smart Card

A digitally encoded card, similar in appearance to a credit card, usually containing a variety of information about the individual(s) authorised to use it. The information can be accessed by a card reader into which the card is inserted. The information may include biometric identifiers and other bio-data, health information, access codes (for opening doors etc), account numbers (merchant account numbers as well as banking account numbers), electronic cash (which is withdrawn from the card as a purchase is made) and other information.

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## UNCHR

### **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

UNHCR is investigating possibilities for the use of personal identifiers in the context of identifying refugees.

UNCHR's agenda for protection includes recommendations for states and UNCHR to introduce biometrics to the registration of refugees with a view to developing a standardised worldwide registration system in order to help identify refugees in need of resettlement.

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