

# Comparing Digital Travel Credentials (DTCs)

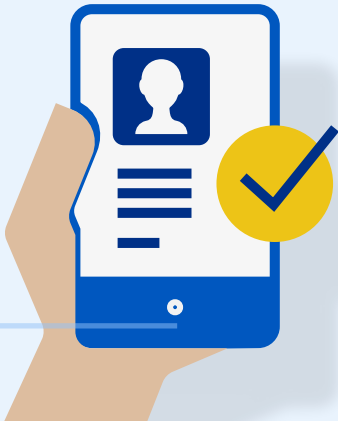
## Understanding Digital Travel Credentials (DTCs): Empowering the Future of International Travel

Digital travel credentials (DTCs) are set to revolutionize international travel by offering a secure, efficient and digital alternative to traditional passports. For governments, embracing this technology means staying ahead in the realm of digital identity and offering your citizens a seamless travel experience.

A digital travel credential (DTC) is a digital version of a traditional passport. Embedded with advanced security features, it stores a traveller’s identity data electronically. DTCs can be accessed via a smartphone or other digital devices, simplifying travel procedures and enhancing security.

### Why Three Versions?

DTCs are designed to meet various requirements and stages of technological adoption, ensuring a flexible and inclusive approach for all countries. Here’s how they differ:



TYPE	DTC Type 1 eMRTD Bound Digital Pioneers	DTC Type 2 eMRTD-PC Bound Digital Innovators	DTC Type 3 PC Bound Digital Visionaries
DESCRIPTION	A copy of the physical passport	Linked to the physical passport	A standalone digital version
RELATION TO THE PHYSICAL PASSPORT	Acts as a digital companion	Independent from but bound to a physical passport	Independent travel credential in the future
NEED FOR THE PHYSICAL PASSPORT	Must carry	Should carry	No need to have
WHEN TO IMPLEMENT	Suitable for initial or pilot phases of DTC integration	Suitable for countries ready for a more advanced digital transition	To be considered in the future, because the physical passport is still mandatory