

Using the Digital Identification Certificate

1 About Digital Identification

The Digital Identification Certificate is digital proof of your identity online.

There are two types of digital identification certificates uploaded to your My Number card's IC chip. (Electronic Certificate for Signatures and Electronic Certificate for User Identification)

It is optional to have them uploaded into your My Number card.

You can choose to upload it or not during the application.

You can change you selected option after getting your card as well.

*The procedure for the digital identification certificate has to be done by the card holder themselves.

① **Electronic Certificate for Signatures: the PIN uses a mix between 6 and 16 letters of the alphabet and numbers**

Used when sending electronic paperwork through the internet.

(E.g. E-tax returns, electronic applications for child care services etc.)

*Not issued to people under 15 years old.

② **Electronic Certificate for User Identification: PIN uses 4 digits.**

Used when logging in using the website or convenience store device.

(E.g. Logging into the Myna Portal site, printing official documents are the convenient store, etc.)

In order to use the digital identification certificate on your computer at home, the following preparations are necessary.

- Install the User Client Software*1 onto your computer.
- Connect the IC card reader writer*2 to your computer.

Or, use your smartphone's IC card reader writer mode*3 and connect it to your computer instead.

*1 Download for free on the Official Individual Identification Service Portal Site

(<https://www.jpki.go.jp/>)

*2 Please check the above site's list of My Number IC card reader writers.

*3 Please check the above site's list of My Number NFC smart phones.

In order to use the digital identification certificate on your smartphone, the following preparations are necessary.

- Only NFC smartphones can read the digital identification certificate. See *3 above.
- The position of IC chip reader for each NFC smartphone may differ.

2 PIN Number (Change/ Reset/ Unlock)

- ① You can use the digital identification certificate by hold the smartphone over your My Number card or by inserting it into a card reader and entering your PIN code.
- ② The card will lock automatically if you get your PIN wrong **5 times for the Electronic Certificate for Signatures and 3 times for the Electronic Certificate for User Identification**. To unlock it, you will need to go to the ward office where your Certificate of Residence is registered.

3 Invalidation of Electronic Certificate for Signatures

The electronic certificate will automatically be unusable once you change your name or address though moving or marriage, etc. You should get another certificate issues when you do the procedures for your move or marriage. The Electronic Certificate for User Identification is not affect by changes in name or address, so it does not become invalid.

4 Validity of your Digital Identification Certificate

- ① The validity period for your certificate is 5 years after it is issued, expiring on your birthday. However, if your My Number card expires before the validity period of the digital identification certificate expires, then it is also no longer valid.
You can write the expiration date of your certificate on the front of your My Number card in one of the empty columns.
- ② You can renew the validity period for your digital identification certificate up to three months before it expires.
Please apply to renew at the ward office where your Certificate of Residence is registered.

5 Cancelling your Digital Identification Certificate

Please cancel the certificate at the ward office where your Certificate of Residence is registered.

6 Related Websites

- Official Individual Identification Service Portal Site (<https://www.jpki.go.jp/>)