
**Identification cards — Identification
of issuers —**

**Part 1:
Numbering system**

*Cartes d'identification — Identification des émetteurs —
Partie 1: Système de numérotation*

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Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO/IEC 7812-1:2015), which has been technically revised. Key changes made in this edition:

- [Clause 3](#): added definitions for “acquirer” and “card acceptor”;
- [Clause 3](#): removed the definition of “major industry identifier”;
- [Clause 3](#): removed definition of “registration management group” to ISO/IEC 7812-2;
- Removed previous outline of major industry identifier descriptions;
- [Clause 4](#): revised the length of an IIN to 8 digits (from 6 digits);
- [Clause 4](#): revised the minimum length of a PAN to 10 digits (from 8 digits);
- [Annex A](#): modified [A.2](#) to be the role of the registration authority (from previously being defined as role of registration management group);
- [Annex B](#): revised the example to reflect an 8 digit IIN.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 7812- series, can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

This document is one of a series of International Standards specifying:

- a numbering system for the identification of card issuers operating within an interchange environment, the format of the issuer identification number and the primary account number;
- application and registration procedures for card issuers who operate a card program in an international interchange environment.

Card issuers not operating in an international interchange environment are encouraged to contact their sponsoring authorities for a number assigned by that national standards body, or the Registration Authority (RA) if no Sponsoring Authority (SA) exists. Use of a national IIN will avoid conflicts if the cards are used in an international interchange environment.

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Part 1: Numbering system

1 Scope

This document specifies a numbering system for the identification of the card issuers, the format of the issuer identification number (IIN) and the primary account number (PAN).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO/IEC 7812-2, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 2: Application and registration procedures*

ISO 8583-1, *Financial transaction card originated messages — Interchange message specifications — Part 1: Messages, data elements and code values*

ITU-T Recommendation E. 118, *The international telecommunication charge card*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

acquirer

institution (or its agent) which acquires from the card acceptor the data relating to the transaction and initiates the data into an interchange system

3.2

card

form factor (physical or virtual) provided by a card issuer

Note 1 to entry: For this document, this definition is not limited to ISO/IEC 7810 ID-1 card. Some examples of other card types include but are not limited to virtual, thin flexible, single-use, integrated-circuit or mobile devices.

3.3

card acceptor

party accepting the card for the purpose of presenting transaction data to an acquirer or intermediary facilitating the transaction flow

**3.4
cardholder**

customer associated with the primary account number

**3.5
card issuer**

institution (or its agent) that issues the card to the cardholder

Note 1 to entry: For institutions in the financial services industry and regulatory community, a legal entity as defined in ISO 17442, or its agent, that issues the card to the cardholder

**3.6
individual account number**

number assigned by the card issuer for the purpose of identifying an individual account

**3.7
interchange**

exchange of transaction data between two or more participants

**3.8
issuer identification number**

IIN
number that identifies the card issuer and that forms the first part of the primary account number

**3.9
primary account number**

PAN
number consisting of a maximum of 19 digits that identifies the card issuer and the cardholder

Note 1 to entry: See [4.1](#) and [Figure 1](#).

**3.10
registration authority**

RA
organization appointed by the ISO Council, responsible for assigning IINs and maintaining the *ISO Register of Card Issuer Identification Numbers*

4 Numbering system

4.1 PAN format

The PAN of a card (see [3.9](#)) is made up of three main components:

- a) the IIN, 8 numeric digits in length (see [4.2](#));
- b) the individual account number (see [4.3](#)); and
- c) a check digit (see [4.4](#)).

See [Figure 1](#) for number format.

NOTE For national numbering systems, refer to [Annex A](#).

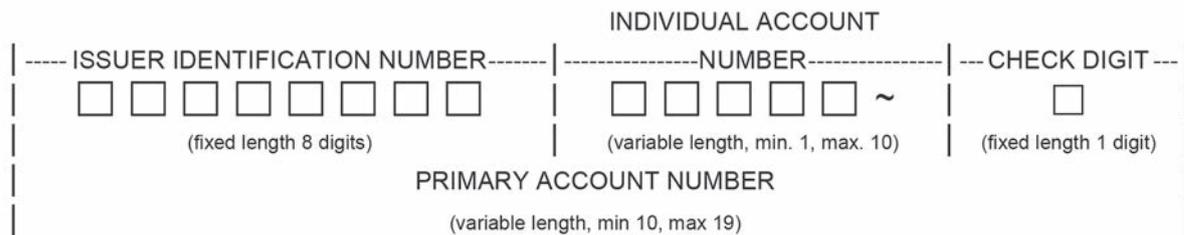


Figure 1 — Composition of the Primary Account Number

4.2 IIN

All IINs issued in accordance with this document shall be applied for and registered as specified in ISO/IEC 7812-2.

Applicants whose applications fulfil the criteria for approval specified in ISO/IEC 7812-2 will be assigned an IIN or, in the case of a block assignment, a block of IINs.

4.2.1 IINs beginning with “00”

IINs in the range “00” have been allocated for assignment to institutions other than card issuers in order to accommodate requirements in ISO 8583-1. Applicants applying for IINs commencing with “00” shall refer to ISO 8583-1, where application procedures and an application form are provided.

4.2.2 IINs beginning with “80”

IINs beginning with “80” are for use by healthcare institutions. These IINs are managed by individual national registration authorities. Each national registration authority shall register with the RA so that they can be identified in the *ISO Register of Card Issuer Identification Numbers*. The format of the entry for the national registration authorities shall be “80[CCC]”, where “80” denotes healthcare and “CCC” is the three-digit numeric country code, as specified in ISO 3166-1. The formatting and coding of the digits following “80[CCC]” is at the discretion of the regional healthcare authorities. Enquiries for details of national healthcare registration authorities may be made to the RA. See http://www.iso.org/iso/maintenance_agencies

4.2.3 IINs beginning with “89”

IINs beginning with “89” are for use by telecommunications administrations and recognized private operating agencies in accordance with ITU-T/Rec. E.118. These IINs are maintained by the International Telecommunication Union, and applicants applying for IINs for use on telecommunications cards shall apply for an IIN commencing with “89”. Enquiries for IINs starting with “89” shall be made to:

International Telecommunication Union, Place des Nations,

1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland,

Telephone: +41 227 305 211, Fax: + 41 227 337 256.

<http://www.itu.int/en/Pages/default.aspx>

4.2.4 IINs beginning with “9”

IINs beginning with “9” are reserved for use by national standards bodies, where they exist, or by the RA in the absence of a national standards body. The format of the entry for the national standards bodies shall be “9[CCC]”, where “9” denotes national use and “CCC” is the three-digit numeric country code, as specified in ISO 3166-1.

In the interest of international conformity, national standards bodies are advised to assign IINs in accordance with the recommendations given in [Annex A](#).

The RA will oversee the assignment of any 9 series IINs in any country where a national standards body does not exist, or has not implemented an IIN management function. Any 9 series IIN assigned by the RA is 9 digits in length, and will conform to the structure of '9' followed by the three-digit numeric country code, as specified in ISO 3166-1.

4.3 Individual account number

The individual account number (see [Figure 1](#)) shall be assigned by the card issuer. It immediately follows the IIN and is variable in length with a minimum of 1 and maximum of 10 digits.

4.4 Check digit

The individual account number (see [4.3](#)) shall be followed by a check digit. This digit shall be calculated on all the preceding digits of the PAN (see [Figure 1](#)) and shall be computed according to the Luhn formula for modulus-10 check digit (see [Annex B](#)).

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Annex A (informative)

National numbering systems for card issuers

A.1 Introduction

IINs beginning with 9 have been assigned for use by national standards bodies in order to establish numbering systems for card issuers. If no national numbering system exists, or if the national standards body is unable to establish a national numbering system, applicants for IINs in that country may apply through the RA.

NOTE ISO maintains a listing on national numbering registries, refer to www.iso.org

A.2 Contact with the Registration Authority (RA)

The RA acting on behalf of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 17 shall, on request, provide advice and counsel to any national standards body on the establishment and operation of a national numbering system. National standards bodies that intend to set up national numbering systems are asked to supply the RA with details of the national procedures for the assignment of IINs, the method used to identify card issuers, and the name of the organization administering the system.

A.3 Operation of national numbering systems

National standards bodies are advised to establish rules by means of national standards or other methods for identifying card issuers and individual cardholders (See 4.2.4). They are also advised to make arrangements for the administration of the system, for application and assignment of IINs and the maintenance of a register of assigned IINs. For these reasons, national standards bodies may wish to appoint an organization to act as their agent in the administration and maintenance of the system within their countries.

Any national standards body, or designate, who manages a national numbering system is required to report all assignments to the RA on a monthly basis.

A.4 Structure of IINs used for National schemes

National standards bodies are required to implement national numbering systems in the format of 9CCCxxxx, where "CCC" is the three-digit numeric country code in accordance with ISO 3166-1. IINs assigned under a national numbering system should be minimum 8 digits in length. National standards bodies developing national numbering systems shall consider using an IIN greater than 8 digits to support a larger number of card issuers.

Any 9 series IINs under the management of the RA will be assigned as 9 digits in length.

It is recommended that national standards bodies comply with ISO/IEC 7812-1 and PAN length as defined in [Figure 1](#).