

Registers of Scotland PKI-DRS

Relying Party Agreement

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Important Notice

This communication does not substitute or replace the Base Certificate Policy under which the RoS Issuing CA Certificates are issued. You must agree to the terms of the Base Certificate Policy before you Rely on a Certificate or otherwise access or use RoS Issuing CA Certificate Status Information.

You will be deemed to have accepted the terms of this Agreement by either Relying upon a Certificate or the information embedded in a Certificate or by accessing or using Certificate Status Information even if you have not read this Agreement. You demonstrate your knowledge and acceptance of this Agreement by submitting a query to search for or to verify the Status of a Certificate or by otherwise Relying on or using any information or services provided by RoS Issuing CA Certification Services or Certificate Status information. If you do not accept the Agreement, do not submit a query or Rely on the Certificate. In this case, you are advised to postpone any transaction which places Reliance on a RoS Issuing CA Certificate until you have satisfied yourself by other means of the trustworthiness of the Certificate and of the measures to be taken to support your Reliance on the Certificate.

2. Introduction

This Agreement does the following:

- Describes the actions that the RoS Issuing CA will take to enable you to make an informed decision as to whether you wish to Rely on a Certificate (including the information embedded in a Certificate)
- Contains procedures that you must follow before checking, Relying on, or otherwise using a Certificate or information embedded in a Certificate.

This Agreement applies when you:

- Submit a query in search of a Certificate
- Verify a Digital Signature created with a Private Key corresponding to a Public Key contained in a Certificate
- Rely on a Certificate or on the information contained within a Certificate in support of a transaction.
- Otherwise Rely on or use any information or services provided by the RoS Issuing Authority Certification Services.

3. Governing Certificate Policy

The RoS Issuing CA publishes a Base Certificate Policy which governs the issuance, usage and management of Certificates. The RoS Issuing CA complies with that Base Certificate Policy and in particular, represents that the information contained in a Certificate has been Validated in

accordance with the provisions of the Base Certificate Policy. The Base Certificate Policy is published as part of the RoS Issuing CA service and important provisions are summarised in the PKI-DRS PKI Disclosure Statement. If there are any changes to the Base Certificate Policy, the RoS Issuing CA will comply with its provisions regarding change control and on notification. To the extent permitted by Law, the RoS Issuing CA makes no representations and holds out no warranties in respect of Certificates or Certificate Status Information other than those expressly set out in the Base Certificate Policy.

4. Your Obligations

You accept and warrant that your use of Certificate Status Information and your Reliance on or use of any Certificate or the information embedded in it will be governed by the Base Certificate Policy.

The Base Certificate Policy defines specific obligations that you must meet before Relying on a Certificate or any information embedded in the Certificate, If you rely on or use a Certificate (including the information embedded in the Certificate) without first meeting these obligations, your Reliance on or use of that Certificate or the information will be inconsistent with this Agreement and will be considered unreasonable and in derogation of your duty of care under Scottish law.

Policy provisions defining terms of use of and Reliance on Certificates, together with Certificate Status Information are provided by the RoS Issuing CA. Relying Parties must therefore accept that sufficient access to information is provided to ensure that you can make an informed decision as to the extent to which you will choose to Rely upon or use a Certificate or the information embedded in it. You further accept that you are responsible for deciding whether to Rely on a Certificate or information embedded in it.

5. Important Subscriber Obligations of which you should be aware

Subscribers of Certificates issued by the RoS Issuing CA are obliged to inform the RoS Issuing CA or its nominated representative, should any passwords, pass-phrases, PINs, private keys or other personal secrets used in obtaining authenticated access to PKI facilities be compromised or be suspected of being compromised. On receipt of such a notice, the RoS Issuing CA will Revoke the compromised Certificate and publish notice of such Revocation for the benefit of Relying Parties. However, you acknowledge the possibility of theft or other form of compromise of a Private Key corresponding to a Public Key contained in a Certificate which may not be detected by the Subscriber, and of the possibility of use of a stolen or compromised Key to authenticate a person or to forge a Digital Signature to a document.

6. Liability

The RoS Issuing CA's liability to you is limited to that specified in our Base Certificate Policy and is summarised in the PKI-DRS PKI Disclosure Statement.

7. General

Each point of this Agreement is separate and the invalidity or unenforceability of any point for any reason will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other point. This Agreement is published by the RoS Issuing Authority. Any claims, complaints, disputes or proceedings in connection with the provision of Certificates, the Repository or any other digital certification service by the RoS Issuing CA or with this Agreement must be pursued according to the provisions of the Base Certificate Policy.

Terms used in this agreement are defined in the Registers of Scotland PKI-DRS Glossary of Terms available at <https://www.ros.gov.uk/services/digital-discharge-service/dds-for-lenders-t-and-c>.

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