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- Previous [Clause 9](#) “Work-sharing on-card biometric comparison procedure” and other subclauses related to work-sharing have been moved to ISO/IEC 24787-2.

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Introduction

On-card biometric comparison provides a more secure biometric verification method than one where a biometric comparison is carried out outside a secure cryptographic device. Storing biometric reference data in a secure integrated circuit card (ICC) for on-card biometric comparison means that the reference is not available at any external interface once it has been stored in the ICC, mitigating the risk of extraction and misuse by an unauthorized party.

ISO/IEC 7816-11 and ISO/IEC 19785-3 cover technologies for off-card and simple on-card biometric comparison. The ISO/IEC 17839 series covers biometric system-on-card.

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Part 1: General principles and specifications

1 Scope

This document provides requirements and general principles and specifications for a biometric comparison methodology suitable for the on-card environment.

This document establishes

- architectures of biometric comparison using an ICC,
- on-card biometric comparison, both in sensor-off-card systems and as part of biometric system-on-card, and
- security policies for on-card biometric comparison.

This document does not establish

- requirements for off-card biometric comparison,
- requirements for biometric system-on-card (defined in the ISO/IEC 17839 series),
- work-sharing on-card biometric comparison (defined in ISO/IEC 24787-2), or
- modality-specific requirements for storage and comparison.

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/IEC 2382-37:2022, *Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 37: Biometrics*

ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-11:2022, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*

ISO/IEC 19785-3:2020, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 3: Patron format specifications*

ISO/IEC 19794 (all parts), *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats*

ISO/IEC 29794 (all parts), *Information technology — Biometric sample quality*

ISO/IEC 39794 (all parts), *Information technology — Extensible biometric data interchange formats*