

Why might I need a Public Services Card (PSC) in the future?



The availability of a secure and consistent citizen identity verification scheme is a requirement for the effective delivery of digital services, the reform of backend processes, the ability to effectively make policy decisions, the protection of personal data, and the interoperability with EU Member States in the context of citizen interaction. In line with the 2013 Government Decision, S180/20/10/1789, the Public Services Card (PSC) infrastructure is the Government's standard identity verification scheme, which is to be used for access to all public services where appropriate. As such, the widespread adoption of the PSC infrastructure, including its online counterpart MyGovID, to underpin access to public services by citizens is critical to the successful delivery of the eGovernment strategy. The following lists the commitments by Departments and Offices to adopt the PSC and MyGovID infrastructure for specified public services within the listed timeframes.

Department/Office	Service	Note	Date
Dept. Education and Skills	School Transport Appeal	Submission of a school transport appeal will require submitter to be SAFE 2 registered; Online submission of appeal will be possible via MyGovID	Sep-17
Dept. Social Protection	Treatment Benefit	Checking eligibility for treatment benefits (dental/optical/aural) via MyWelfare using MyGovID	Nov-17
Dept. Foreign Affairs and Trade	Passport Application	All adult passport applications, new and renewals, for residents in Ireland will require applicants to be SAFE 2 registered; Online renewal of adult passports will use MyGovID	Q4 2018

Road Safety Authority	Drivers Licence Application	Driver licence applications will require applicants to be SAFE 2 registered; Online renewal of drivers licences to be introduced and use MyGovID	Mar-18
Dept. Justice and Equality; Dept. Social Protection	Proof of Age	Introduce the optional use of the PSC as an Age Card for use as a Proof of Age service	Q3 2018
Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)	Student Grant Application	MyGovID will be used as the authentication mechanism to provide access to the student grant scheme for the 2018/19 academic year. Applicants will have to be SAFE 2 registered in order to make an application	Apr-18
Dept. Education and Skills	School Grant Appeal	Submission of a school grant appeal will require submitter to be SAFE 2 registered; Online submission of appeal will be possible via MyGovID	Sep-18
Health Service Executive	Online Health Portal	MyGovID will be used as the authentication mechanism to provide access to a new online Health portal being launched in 2018 - this portal is to provide access to a growing number of health related services online.	Sep-18
Dept. Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Agfood.ie	Support for individual access to the Agfood.ie set of services via MyGovID	Sep-18