

Certum S/MIME Sponsor certificate activation

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1. Product description

Certum S/MIME certificates are security certificates used in e-mails to secure electronic communication. They enable the encryption of message content, ensuring privacy and confidentiality of e-mail correspondence. Additionally, S/MIME certificates allow for the addition of digital signatures, to confirm the sender's identity and guarantee the integrity of the transmitted content.

With Certum S/MIME certificates, it is possible to enhance the security of e-mail communication by verifying the e-mail address/identity of the sender, encrypting messages and ensuring integrity.

2. Certificate activation

As the Certum **customer**, you will be able to start the activation process of your certificate in the store at **My account** in the **Data security products** tab.

As the **partner**, you start the process through partner panel from the **Dashboard** by choosing the product you want to order.

The process of issuing the certificate consists of several steps:

- **Data verification** – providing the subscriber and organization's data and the verification
- **E-mail verification** – providing an e-mail and the verification
- **Certificate activation** – key pair generation, choosing the fields to include in the certificate and submit to issue.

As the activation process goes, each step will go through the next statuses:



Step is awaiting to provide the data



Data is saved and ale waiting for verification



Verification was successful



Providing the data is not available yet

Data verification step

Providing data to be verified is the step in which you provide the data of the organization for which the certificate will be issued, the data of the subscriber (the person who represents the organization and will be the owner of the certificate) and the data of the subscriber's authorization to represent the organization. From the data provided here, it will be possible to select data for the certificate in the last step of certificate activation.

The list of supported verification documents you can check at [Information about required documents](#).

As the Certum **customer**, you will be able to start the data verification step from **Dashboard**, using **Data verification** option:

The screenshot displays the Certum Data Security Products dashboard. On the left, a navigation menu includes 'Dashboard', 'Certificates', and 'Certificates search'. The main content area features a 'Hello' message, an 'Events' table, and a 'News' section. A prominent 'S/MIME' card is shown, with the 'Data verification' button highlighted by a red box. Below this card, details for the product 'Certum S/MIME Sponsor 365 days - issue' are visible, including a status of 'Waiting for activation'.

or from the **Certificates** list – choose the certificate you want to activate and use **Provide the data** option in the subscriber's data section:

As the **partner**, you will be able to start the data verification step from **Dashboard**, using new order option. After choosing the product type and providing the order details, you will be able to provide the data used in the first step of issuing the certificate.

The wizard will guide you through the process of providing the data. In the first stage, choose **Provide new data**. In the future, it will be possible to use them to issue another certificate.

In the next stage, provide the details of the subscriber, which means the person who represents the organization and will be the owner of the certificate. Please write the names and surnames in the form as they appear on the subscriber's identity document.

Also choose a method for verifying the subscriber's identity from the available ones:

- **Automatic identity verification** – the subscriber will receive an e-mail with a link to the identity verification service to use with a computer or phone camera and an ID document
- **Attaching a document** – you will add a scan of the subscriber's identity document or an identity confirmation.

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1 Subscriber Organization Authorization Summary

Subscriber data

The Subscriber is a person who will be the owner of the certificate: the data of him or her or related organization that he or she can represent will be available to include in the certificate (depending on the product type). After completing the step of providing the data to be verified, Subscriber will be asked to verify his/her identity with an **identity document** using one of the available verification methods.

NAME*
Joe

SURNAME*
Doe

Verification method

Automatic identity verification Add the document to verify Subscriber's identity

E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE SUBSCRIBER*
joedoe@yourdomain.com

In the case of **automatic identity verification**, the Subscriber will receive a link and instructions to start the process to this e-mail address. The link will be sent after saving the data to be verified.

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After providing the subscriber's data, go to the next stage: providing the organization's data. Here, provide the organization's details and the address of its headquarters. The data will be used to verify the existence of the organization.

Choose also how Certum will verify the existence of the organization:

- **By registration number** – Certum will search for information about the organization in the public register using the provided number
- **Attaching a document** – you will add a document confirming the establishment of the organization.

Organization data

Provide the data to let us verify your organization existence. From this data you will be able to choose the fields to include in the certificate.

The data of the organization

ORGANIZATION*

Your company

Headquarters of the organization

COUNTRY*

Poland

STATE OR PROVINCE*

mazowieckie

LOCALITY*

Warszawa

Verification method

Search the information about the organization by registration number

Add the document to verify organization existence

REGISTRATION NUMBER TYPE*

KRS

REGISTRATION NUMBER IN THE REGISTRY*

12345678

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After providing all the required organization's data, proceed to the last stage of providing data for verification step, which is choosing the method of verifying the subscriber's authorization to represent the organization.

There are two methods to choose from:

- **The subscriber is visible in the registry** – the person given as the subscriber appears in one of the given registers as a representative of the organization
- **Attaching a document** – you will add a document confirming authorization. You can download an example of such document by the **Download ready to sign authorization document** link.

The method of verifying the subscriber's authorization is also influenced by the organization's chosen verification method. If the registration number and its type have been provided there, Certum will first check whether the subscriber is listed in the register and the system will automatically mark the method of verifying the subscriber's authorization as **The subscriber is visible in the register**. However, this does not prevent you from adding a document confirming the subscriber's authorization.






The screenshot shows the Certum Data Security Products interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Certum logo and 'Data Security Products' text. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar with links for 'Dashboard', 'Certificates', and 'Certificates search'. The main content area displays a progress indicator with four steps: 'Subscriber', 'Organization', 'Authorization', and 'Summary'. The 'Authorization' step is currently active, indicated by a blue circle with the number '3'. Below the progress indicator is a form titled 'Authorization data' with the instruction: 'Choose the verification method to confirm the Subscriber's relationship with the organization.' The form contains the following sections:

- Subscriber data:** A table with columns 'Name' and 'Surname'. The row contains 'Joe' and 'Doe'.
- Verification method:** Two radio button options:
 - Subscriber is visible in DUNS, LEI or other registry as organization's representative
 - Add the document to verify Subscriber's relationship with the organization
- Chosen registry type:** A text input field containing 'DUNS' and '12345678'.

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Back' (a blue link) and 'Next' (a blue button).

After selecting the authorization verification method and proceeding, verify provided information on the summary screen. If the data is correct, mark the statements if required and complete the step of providing data to be verified.

The success screen will inform you that the data have been saved for verification. Certum will verify it. During this time, if you want to add another document confirming the provided data, you can add it in the certificate details. This is also the time to perform automatic verification of the subscriber's identity, if such verification method has been chosen. You may check the [instruction for automatic identity verification](#).

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Success!

The data was saved and submitted for verification. The verification usually takes from 1 to 7 days. Positive data verification will allow you to proceed to the next step of the certificate activation.

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Positive verification of the provided data will allow you to proceed to the step which is providing an e-mail.

E-mail verification step

You will be able to start the e-mail verification step from **Dashboard**, using **E-mail verification** option:

The screenshot displays the Certum Data Security Products dashboard. On the left, a navigation menu includes 'Dashboard', 'Certificates', and 'Certificates search'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Hello:** A welcome message stating, 'You have logged in to the data security products panel where you can activate, check the status and manage them.' It features a Certum logo icon.
- Events:** A table with columns for 'Events', 'Product', and 'Event date', currently empty.
- Useful information:** A text block explaining the product activation process, which involves providing Organization and Subscriber data, domains, and e-mail addresses. It notes that all steps are presented on the product tile and that completion is necessary for certificate issuance.
- Useful sources:** A list of links: 'Automatic Subscriber verification', 'Help, required documents', 'CSR and PFX generator', and 'Our products'.
- S/MIME:** A detailed view for an S/MIME certificate with order number ORDER/000034567/po8. It shows three steps: 'Data verification' (completed), 'E-mail verification' (highlighted with a red box and a pencil icon), and 'Certificate activation' (pending). Below this, the product is identified as 'Certum S/MIME Sponsor 365 days - issue', with a status of 'Under verification'. Fields for 'Common name' and 'Certificate expires' are currently empty.

or similar to the **Data verification** step: from the **Certificates** list – choose the certificate you want to activate and use **Provide e-mail address** option.

In this step, you will provide the e-mail to be included in the certificate.

Provide the e-mail address to include in the certificate and proceed.

1 E-mail data Summary

Provide an e-mail address

Provide an e-mail address which you want to include in the certificate. It will require a verification of the control over it.

E-MAIL ADDRESS*

Provide an e-mail address

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Check provided data on the summary screen. If the data is correct, complete the e-mail verification step.

The success screen will inform you that the e-mail address has been saved. Verify the access to it. After completing e-mail verification its status should change to "verified", which will allow you to proceed to the last step, which is **Certificate activation**.

Certificate activation step

You will be able to start certificate activation step from **Dashboard**, using **Certificate activation** option or similar to the previous step: from the **Certificates** list – choose the certificate you want to activate and use **Activate certificate** option.

In this step, choose the Common name the fields you want to include in the certificate and generate key pair. Some fields are required and cannot be unmarked.

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Certificate data

Choose the data to be included in the certificate. Some of the fields are mandatory and there is no option to uncheck them.

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E-mail address (E):
joedoe@yourcompany.com

Common name:
Please choose Common name

Name (GN):
Joe

Surname (SN):
Doe

Organization (O):
Your company

Locality (L):
Warszawa

State or province (SP):
mazowieckie

Once you have chosen the fields to the certificate, go to the key pair generation.

For S/MIME certificates, the available key generation methods are:

- **CSR** – certificate signing request, generated by a generator, e.g. [Certum Tools](#) or by the application/server where the certificate will be installed
- **Generating key pair on card** – the keys will be saved on the cryptographic card.

When choosing a method for generating key pair on card, also choose the algorithm and key length. Your choice should depend on the algorithm and key length supported by the application in which you use the certificate or the recommendation of e.g. your IT department.

The screenshot displays the Certum web interface. At the top left is the Certum logo with 'by GISECO' underneath. A navigation menu on the left includes 'Dashboard', 'Certificates', 'Certificates search', and 'Certum Shop'. The main content area features a progress bar with four steps: 'Certificate data' (completed), 'Generation method' (current step, marked with a '2'), 'Key pair generation', and 'Summary'. Below the progress bar, the heading 'Key pair generation method' is followed by a paragraph: 'Choose one of the key generation methods available below. CSR method requires to provide CSR generated with Certum Tools app or by your own. Generating key pair with Certum SignService application allows you to store keys on a cryptographic card.' Two radio button options are presented: 'CSR' (selected) and 'Generating key pair on card'. At the bottom of the form are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons.

CSR method

Once you have selected CSR method, you can proceed to submit your CSR. At this stage you will be able to download the [Certum Tools](#) application to generate a CSR or provide your own.

After proceeding, paste your CSR. After pasting the CSR, it will be verified whether it is correct. If a CSR error occurs, it will be indicated in the error message.

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CSR

Enter Certificate Signing Request (CSR) or use the Certum Tools application to generate new CSR.

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L19mygaEXrhonuDK5zr3emh3CC5e2bivMFPeE+2wMdhgovg4TBNR3iRNt-9vcB1+D
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FdUmTF+K2FN164PIehg2WNI650zrtTI+26RQznM=
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
```

✓ Correct

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Remember to save the private key if you generated a CSR using the generator. You will need it to install the certificate once it is issued.

Providing the correct CSR will allow you to go to the [summary](#).

Generating key pair on a cryptographic card

After selecting the method for generating key pair on card, choose the algorithm and key length.

Key pair generation method

Choose one of the key generation methods available below. CSR method requires to provide CSR generated with Certum Tools app or by your own. Generating key pair with Certum SignService application allows you to store keys on a cryptographic card.

Key pair generation method

CSR Generating key pair on card

KEY ALGORITHM AND KEY LENGTH

RSA 2048

The CSR method will allow you to obtain a certificate with a key in a form that can be transferred and installed from a file. Remember to save a private key generated with your CSR. Generating keys on the card will cause that the certificate will be installed on the cryptographic card and its connection to the computer will be required whenever the certificate is used. Only Certum cards are supported.

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In the next stage, make sure that you have the card inserted into the reader, the reader connected to the computer and the card itself has an initialized common profile with a PIN code set for it. The process also requires having the proCertum CardManager application installed on your computer, where you can also check the status of the card and the status of PIN and PUK codes.

You may check the instruction of [how to assign PUK and PIN codes for the first time](#).

Key pair generation

Follow the instruction below to generate key pair.

[Download Certum SignService app](#)

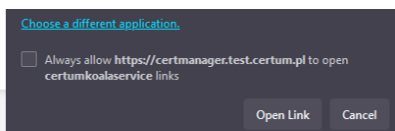
1. Download and install the **Certum SignService** application.
2. Download and install the **proCertum CardManager** application if you don't have it installed or it requires updating.
3. Connect the card reader to the computer and insert the card.
4. Open the proCertum CardManager application and check if common profile of the card is initialized. Application will ask to set PIN and PUK codes of the card if it needs to be initialized.
5. Start the key pair generation process using **Generate key pair** button.
6. Accept the prompt message from you browser about running the Certum SignService application.
7. When Certum SignService window appears, enter the PIN code for the common profile of your card.
8. Wait until the key pair is generated, it may take up to several minutes.

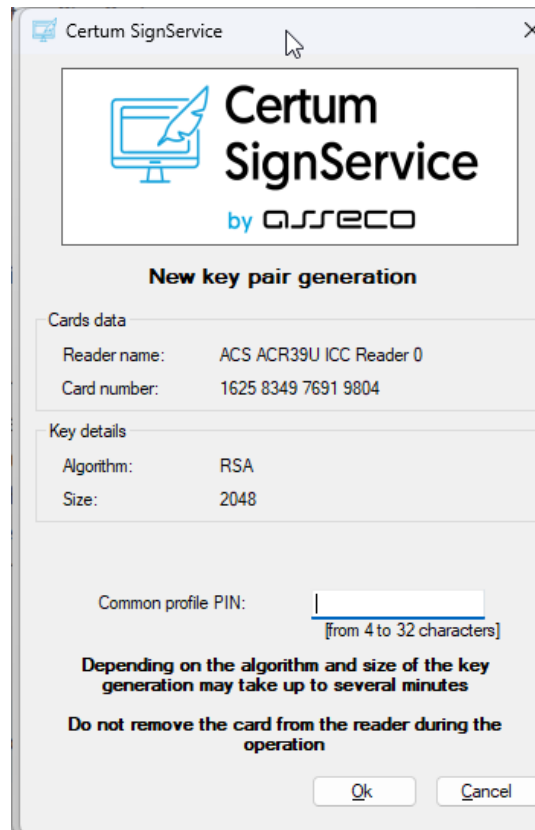
i When the key pair is generated, next window of the wizard will appear.

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[Generate key pair](#)

To generate keys on the card, you will also need the Certum SignService application installed on your computer. After starting key generation, the Certum SignService application can ask for permission to run and then to provide the PIN code of the card's common profile in order to generate keys on it.





After providing the PIN code, the key generation process will begin on the card. This may take up to a few minutes. Once the key is generated, you can proceed to the summary.

Summary

The success screen will inform you that the certificate has been submitted for issuance. The issued certificate can be downloaded from the certificate creation e-mail or from the certificate details view: in a convenient **PEM** or **DER** encoding. You can install your certificate on the cryptographic card from the certificate details view.

From the certificate details view you can also download subordinate certificates for the certificate.

If you need a PFX file, you can use the [Certum Tools](#) generator.