



# COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) is the regulatory agency for the local ICT industry with responsibilities in telecommunications, e-commerce, broadcasting, cyber security and postal/courier services. The Authority is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of ICT consumers.

The enactment and operationalization of the Business Laws (Amendment) Act 2020 signified the country's efforts to enhance the ease of doing business. The impact of the amendments is two-fold:

- a) **Recognition of electronic signatures, documents and registries**
- b) **Reduction of formalities, increasing transparency and protecting businesses**

The foregoing has brought into sharp focus the role of Electronic Certification Service Providers (E-CSPs). E-CSPs authenticate the signatory and ensure that the integrity of the document that has been signed electronically is maintained, giving all parties confidence in the document and transaction.

In line with Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998, the Authority is mandated to license E-CSPs to issue digital certificates. A digital certificate is a record issued by a Certification Service Provider for the purpose of supporting a digital signature. A digital signature confirms the identity or other significant characteristics of the person who holds a particular key pair; identifies the certification provider issuing it; names or identifies the person to whom it was issued; contains the public key of the person to whom it is issued and signed by a responsible officer of the Certification Service Provider issuing it.

The Authority has a responsibility to recognize foreign Electronic Certification Providers in Kenya. Any Foreign Electronic Certification Provider operating in the country is therefore expected to apply for recognition of their services with the Authority.

Take notice that all foreign Electronic Certification Providers are required to apply for recognition within **30 days from the day of the first notice on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**. The entities should download and fill the **Application Form for Electronic Communications Services** available on the Authority's website on: <https://ca.go.ke/industry/telecommunication/telecommunication-license-application-forms/>.

Dully filled application forms and relevant documentation should be submitted via email to the address [ecsp@ca.go.ke](mailto:ecsp@ca.go.ke) or delivered to the contacts below:

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