

Registration Service ISO/IEC 7812-2 Identification of Issuers

An issuer identification number (IIN), according to the numbering system defined in the international standard ISO/IEC 7812-1, is highly recommended for issuers of cards operating in an interchange environment (transaction data exchange between two or more entities).

ISO/IEC 7812-2 specifies the IIN application and registration procedures.

INN application

According to ISO/IEC 7812-2:2017, an organization can apply,

1. for an assignment of a **single Issuer Identification Number** (IIN)
2. for an approval to become an **authorized blockholder** (a block of IINs)

An applicant for a single IIN meeting the criteria for approval as defined in ISO/IEC 7812-2 section 4.2.1 shall provide NBN with a completed form "**Application / Agreement for Issuer Identification Number**". Be aware that:

- an applicant can only apply for one IIN, thus may not have already an IIN assigned to it in its own right;
- the IIN identifies the card issuer and the cards will be used within an international routing and/or interchange environment;
- the IIN shall be for immediate use (within 12 months after assignment).

An authorized blockholder applicant shall meet the criteria for approval as defined in ISO/IEC 7812-2 section 4.2.2 and contact NBN for the appropriate application form.

Registration fee

NBN charges a fee of EUR 600 (excluding 21% VAT) for a single IIN application and EUR 1 500 (excluding 21% VAT) for an authorized blockholder application. The fee is to be transferred to the following bank account:

Account number: **000-3255621-10**
IBAN **BE41 0003 2556 2110**
BIC **BPOTBEB1**

The transfer statement should mention the following data:

ISOIEC 7812 IIN ; <applicant name> ; <applicant VAT number>

Getting the INN

Within 30 days of receipt of the registration fee and positive verification of the application, the application is sent to the “international Registration Authority” for further treatment. Once the Registration Authority approves the application and NBN has received the assigned single IIN or block of IINs, the applicant is informed.

When an applicant becomes the owner of a single IIN or a block of IINs, the responsibilities listed in ISO/IEC 7812-2 section 6.1 (single IIN) and ISO/IEC 7812-2 section 6.2 (block of IINs) become effective.

Contact information

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