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May 2025 MONTHLY BULLETIN

Message from our Executive Director

Dear Secure Technology Alliance Members,

I met with several journalists this month to elevate the presence of the Secure Technology Alliance, the U.S. Payments Forum and the Identity & Access Forum. We were featured in an [American Banker](#) article about how banks can manage chargebacks and are awaiting publication of an article discussing how tariffs might impact the payment acceptance ecosystem. I would like to extend a huge thanks to those members who met with me to share their perspectives on those topics!

As I am now settled into my role, I am very focused on having strategic conversations with the leadership of the Alliance and its forums to identify and articulate the strategic direction and priorities for the organization over the next three to five years. These discussions are just beginning and will be a priority over the next six months. I look forward to sharing the outcome of those discussions with you as they evolve.

Lastly, we are getting close to having a location set for the Identity & Payments Summit 2026. As soon as we have a signed contract, we will be sure to let you know.

Please read on for information on what has been happening in the forums, upcoming events and recent publications.

As always, if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Kind regards,

Christina Hulka
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Industry Partner Spotlight



The NFC Forum, established in 2004, is a non-profit industry association comprised of leading mobile communications, semiconductor, and consumer electronics companies. Its mission is to advance the use of Near Field Communication (NFC) technology by developing specifications, ensuring interoperability, and educating the market about NFC technology.

Every day millions and millions of people use NFC technology to connect to things and the world around them. It's the fast and secure way to pay for things, ride the train, unlock a door, start your car, and even connect to the brands we all love. NFC is the technology behind "tap to pay" contactless payment.

The NFC Forum's global member companies share skills, technical expertise and industry knowledge to develop specifications and protocols for interoperable data exchange, device-independent service delivery, and device capability. The NFC Forum's supporting certification program and user marks enhance and promote a consistent, reliable, seamless and secure NFC user experience.

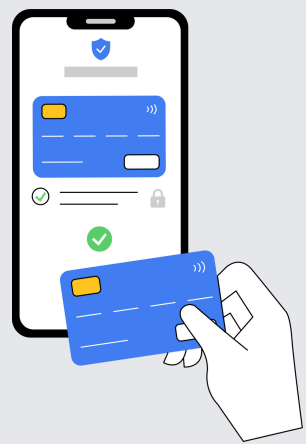
Learn more at <https://nfc-forum.org/>



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Working Committee Projects



mDL Retail Payments

- developing a use case in partnership with U.S. Payments Forum

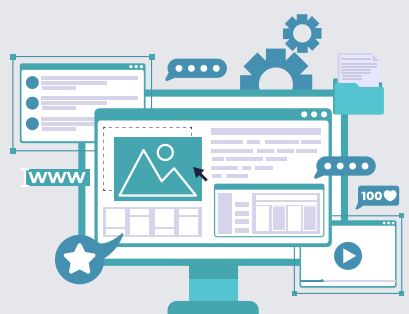
mDL Alcohol Age Verification

- Use case completed and before the Steering Committee



mDL Content Development

- creating a white paper
- building out mDL Connection



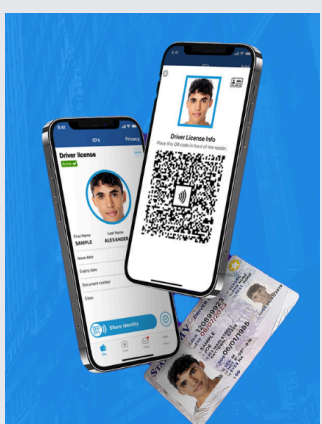
Communication & Education

- New charter completed and approved



mDL Jumpstart Committee:

- Developing a white paper "Why Accept mDLs?"



The Identity & Access Forum would like to **invite you** to our **August meeting in Atlanta, GA**. We are in the process of solidifying our agenda and are **looking forward** to diverse conversations about identity with speakers and panels.

The meeting will kick off on **Tuesday, 8/26, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Following the meeting, there will be great **team-building and networking social**.

On **Wednesday, 8/27, we will meet from 9:00 to 12:00** for a **strategy session**. In this session, we will **look toward the future** and detail a path forward with ideas presented.



Thank you to our meeting sponsors!



If you want more information,
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IAF Committee's Work

Maybe it has been a while since you checked out some of the **IAF's work** or have had the opportunity to do so.

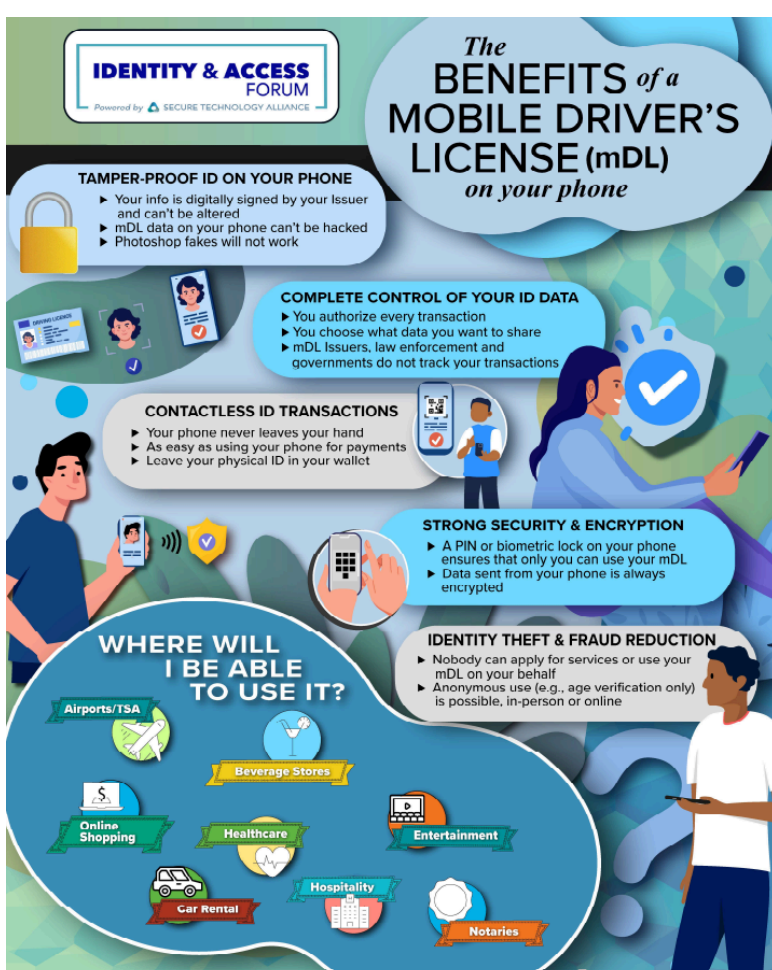
Please look at **some** of the **outstanding work** the IAF has accomplished with more to come!



Building Trust & Accountability in Digital Financial Transactions with the Mobile Driver's License



mDL Connection



mDL Infographic & Use Case Template

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New IAF Member

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Upcoming Publications

- mDL Age Verification Use Case
- mDL in Retail Payments Use Case
- Jumpstart Committee - white paper "Why Accept mDLs?"

Ongoing Activities

- mDL Connection Continued Reconstruction
- IAF SteerCo Elections (November)
- NIST as Guest Speaker for Jumpstart Meeting (June 5th)



Mobile Identity Use Cases in Financial Services

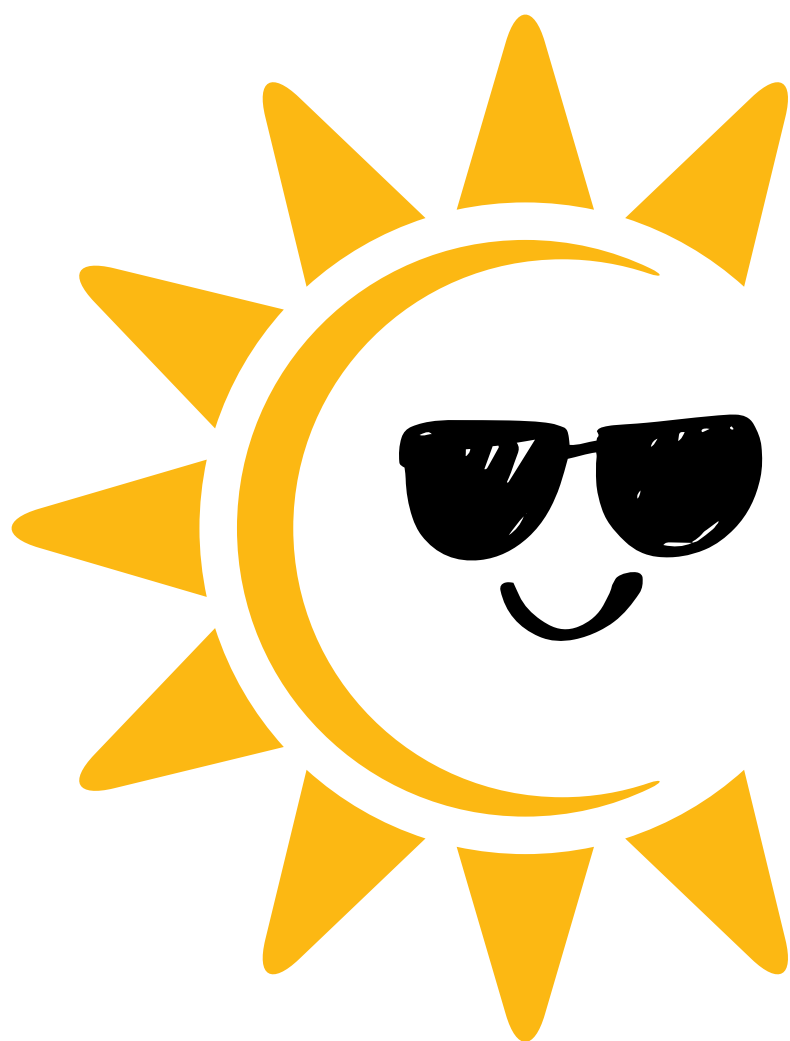


Digital Identity vs. Digital ID



What is Identity Assurance?

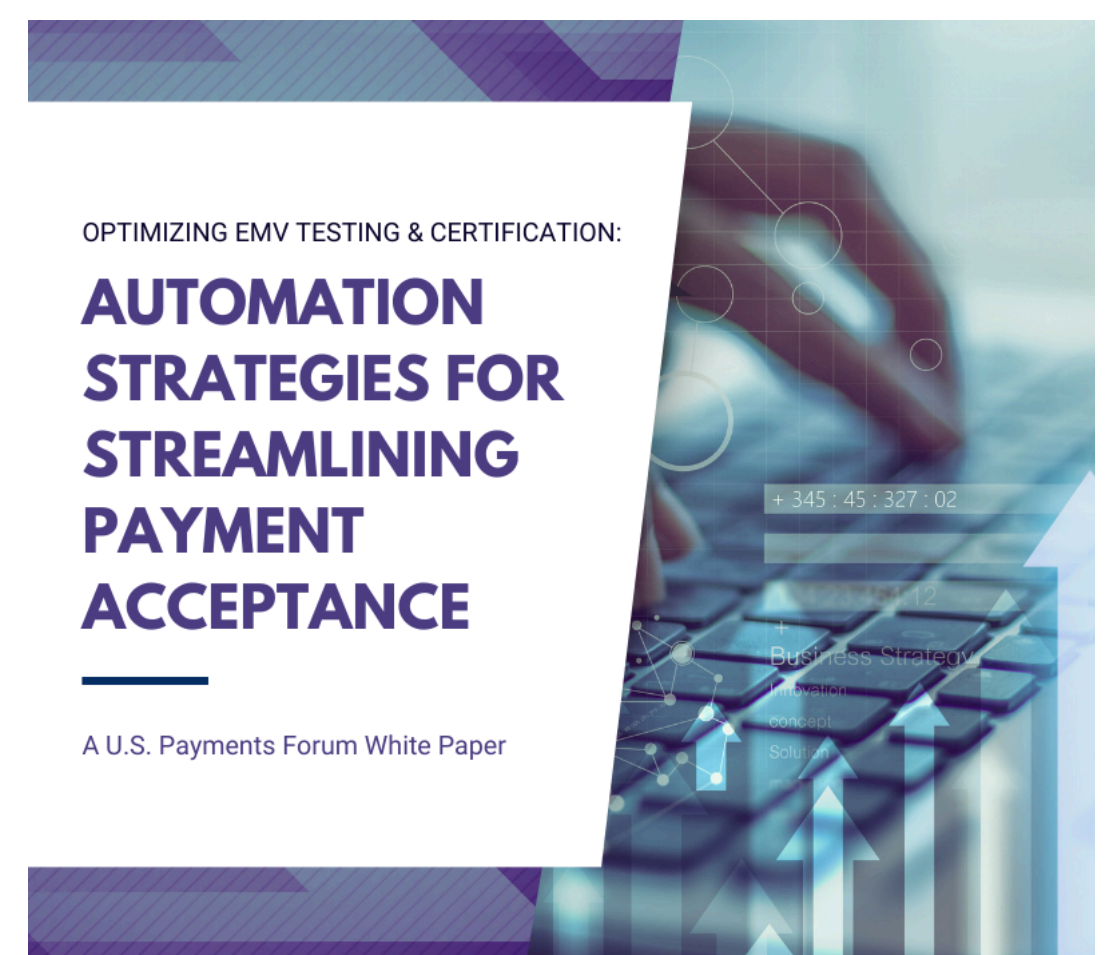
As we wrap up a productive month, the U.S. Payments Forum is pleased to share several exciting updates from May. We published two new educational resources designed to support industry advancement and launched a new EV Payments Glossary project to promote clarity and consistency across the evolving electric vehicle payments space. Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our Summer Education Series, kicking off in June with a lineup of timely, expert-led virtual sessions. **There's plenty of momentum—and we're just getting started.**



SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES

Member-Exclusive | Virtual | June–August 2025

Explore the future of payments in this four-part virtual series featuring expert-led sessions on **agentic payments, tokenization, crypto, and collaborative innovation**. Designed for U.S. Payments Forum members, each session delivers practical insights and real-world perspectives on the technologies shaping tomorrow's commerce.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS



AMERICAN BANKER.
The chargeback conundrum: How banks can mitigate losses

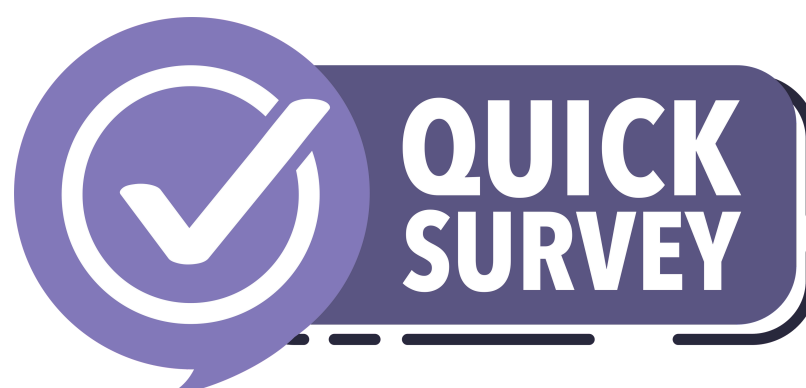
"It's one of the **most significant costs** in [banks'] ecosystem"



Christina Hulka
Executive Director



READ MORE



We want to hear from you!

The Forum is seeking feedback from all payments stakeholders familiar with Level 3 (L3) testing & certification.

NEW PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT



The EV Open Payments Working Committee is developing a comprehensive **glossary of terms and standards related to electric vehicle (EV) payments**, covering all current approaches within the EV payments landscape. This resource aims to promote cross-industry clarity and consistency by encouraging the standardization and shared understanding of EV payment terminology.



Comms & Education

- SRC Webinar #3

EV Open Payments

- EV Payments Glossary
- EV Fleet
- MCCs in Mobility



If you would like to participate in a U.S. Payments Forum working committee, please contact [Danielle Mattison](#).

Mobile & Touchless Payments

- Securing Mobile Payments Best Practices
- Contextual Payments: AI, 5G and IoT
- Update of Mobile Wallets white paper



Payments Fraud

- Machine Learning Podcast
- 3DS Mini-Series
- Fraud Prevention & Awareness



Petroleum

- Unattended debit, credit & pre-paid pre-auth hold releases



Testing & Certification

- T&C stakeholder feedback [survey](#).

Transit Open Payments

- Brief on PCI-PTS POI requirements for transit terminals



Save the Date!



Congratulations to those that got certified this month!

Certified System Engineer ICAM PACS (CSEIP) Training and Certification

New members of the CSEIP Community - newly certified

Daladier Osorio (SecurityHunter)

Mauricio Osorio (SecurityHunter)

Pallavi Kulkarni (SecurityHunter)

Robert White (M.C. Dean)

CSEIP Recertification

Continuing members of the CSEIP Community

Alpi Pilku (AB SOLUTIONS ITS)

Matthew Worthington (GraniluxSolutions)

Robert Morrison (Naval Information Warfare Center)

Scott Chetwynd (DLH Corporation)



Upcoming Alliance Events

**The Alliance is looking forward to hosting our members
at the following events this year:**

Identity & Access Forum

Fime Offices, Atlanta, GA

August 26-27, 2025

[Register Here!](#)

U.S. Payments Forum

Best Buy Offices, Minneapolis, MN

November 12-13, 2025

More information coming soon!

Identity & Payments Summit 2026

Work in progress!