

5 EASY STEPS TO ENROLLMENT

Follow this to easily navigate the organization validation process and learn how to receive the code signing certificate after issuance.

1 Organization Authentication

Thawte must make sure your business is real. Your legal entity name must be registered and active within your country/state and match your enrollment. If using a trade name, assumed name or DBA; make sure all fictitious registration filings are also up-to-date.



PREFERRED METHOD

The easy & fastest way

Online Government Database – Thawte looks at the official website of your country/state that publically displays your business entity registration status. Everything must match enrollment details exactly.



ALTERNATIVE METHODS

If you can't do the preferred way

- Official Registration Documents - Thawte will accept business registration documents (i.e. Articles of Inc., Chartered License, DBA Statement) that were issued from your local government.
- Dun & Bradstreet – Thawte can use a comprehensive DUNS Credit Report to verify specific details associated with the business entity.
- Professional Opinion Letter – If your business entity registration details are not publically available, you can have your legal counsel or professional/charted accountant verify by signing a letter. This will also satisfy steps 1-3.



COMMON ISSUES

These result in delays

- Submitted wrong business name.
- Official registration details are outdated/expired.
- Fails to complete any alternative methods.
- Refusal to pay more for legal/accountant signature on letter.



ALTERNATIVE METHODS

If you can't do the preferred way

- Official Registration Documents - Thawte will accept business registration documents (i.e. Articles of Inc., Chartered License, DBA Statement) that were issued from your local government.
- Dun & Bradstreet - Thawte can use a comprehensive DUNS Credit Report to verify the physical address associated with your business entity.
- Professional Opinion Letter – If your physical address is not publically available, you can have your legal counsel or professional/charted accountant verify by signing a letter. This will also satisfy steps 1-3.



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Online Government Database – Thawte looks at the official website of your country/state that publically displays your business entity physical address. Everything must match enrollment details exactly



Locality Presence

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Thawte needs to verify the legal entity has a physical presence within the registered country/state. Thawte does not need to verify the street address (i.e. Century Lane); just the locality/city (i.e. Cape Town, ZA).



COMMON ISSUES

These result in delays

- Some gov't databases or registration docs (i.e. Delaware) do not list business's address.
- Dun & Bradstreet displays outdated entity details.
- Refusal to pay more for legal/accountant signature on letter.
- Entity is registered through a third-party agency (i.e. offshore) and applicant can't verify physical presence.



3 Telephone Verification

You must have an active telephone number listed that's verifiable by an acceptable telephone directory online. Listings must display the EXACT same verified business name and physical address.



PREFERRED METHOD

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Online Government Database – Thawte looks at the official website of your country/state that publically displays your telephone number.



ALTERNATIVE METHODS

If you can't do the preferred way

- Third-Party Directory – Thawte can use an existing or new telephone listing in acceptable directories (i.e. Yellow Pages, Scoot, 192.com) as long as the verified business details are the same.
- Professional Opinion Letter – If your telephone number is not publically available, you can have your legal counsel or professional/charted accountant verify by signing a letter. This will also satisfy steps 1-3.



COMMON ISSUES

These result in delays

- Majority of online gov't databases don't display telephone numbers.
- Telephone listings in third-party directories or Dun & Bradstreet display outdated entity details or telephone numbers.
- Applicants refuse to publically display company phone number temporarily.
- Refusal to pay more for legal/accountant signature on letter.



ALTERNATIVE METHODS

If you can't do the preferred way

- Extension or IVR – If the verified telephone number is not the applicant's direct line, Thawte can enter an extension (if provided) or follow an IVR to connect directly to you.
- Transfer or Alternative Telephone Number – If the verified telephone number is not the applicants direct line, Thawte can either be transferred or obtain another telephone number from a colleague after initiating the call using the verified telephone number.



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Verified Business Telephone Number – This is the telephone number pulled from an acceptable resource used to call you directly.



COMMON ISSUES

These result in delays

- Unable to answer the telephone during normal operating hours.
- No operator or colleague to transfer/ provide alternative telephone number to be reached at.



Final Verification Call

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Thawte must speak with you or the specified applicant (site admin) using the verified business telephone number to confirm the order details.



5 Issuance

After validation is finished, Thawte will send the certificate via email. Depending on how you generated the order, Thawte will either provide you with the certificate in plain text or require you to follow a "pick-up" link and download the certificate via browser. For detailed instructions on how to download or "pick-up" your certificate, please refer to your Code Signing Pick-up Guide.

