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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee IT/12, Information Systems, Security and Identification Technology.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (June 2000). The changes required by the Amendment is indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure, or part thereof affected.

The Standard is the result of a consensus among representatives on the Joint Committee that it be produced as an Australian Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the Public Key Authentication Framework (PKAF) profile for X.509 supported algorithms. This Standard has been produced to facilitate interoperability between systems that create and use digital signatures, certificates and certificate revocation lists within the Australian PKAF.

This Standard is one of a series of PKAF Standards under development. Other Parts in the series will be as follows:

General — PKAF architecture

General — X.509 certificate and Certification Revocation Lists (CRL) profile

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1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies a profile of supported algorithms for use within X.509 certificates and certificate revocation lists (CRLs) to support generic applications requiring broad interoperability and limited special purposes requirements.

The Standard lists digital signature algorithms as well as formats for the keys used in X.509 certificates, as described in ISO/IEC 9594-8, ITU-T Rec.X.208 and ITU-T Rec.X.509. An object identifier is defined for each algorithm along with ASN.1 types for its parameters and output values.

The Standard stipulates which algorithms are required for PKAF-compliant implementations.

2 COMPLIANCE

Certification authorities (CAs) and applications shall use and support the algorithms as specified in Clause 6. Conforming CAs shall use the identified object identifiers (OIDs) when issuing certificates containing public keys for these algorithms. Conforming applications supporting any of these algorithms shall, at a minimum, recognize the OIDs identified in this Standard.

3 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

ISO/IEC	
9594	Information technology—Open Systems Interconnection—The Directory
9594-8	Part 8: Authentication framework
ITU-T	
Rec. X.208	Specification of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)
Rec. X.509	Information Technology—Open systems interconnection—The directory: Authentication framework

4 ABBREVIATIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the abbreviations below apply.

ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
CA	Certification Authority (i.e. any implementation that can create certificates)
CRL	Certificate Revocation List
DER	Distinguished Encoding Rules
DSA	Digital Signature Algorithm
DSS	Digital Signature Standard
FIPS	US Federal Information Processing Standard

