

### **1. What is the Digital Certificate / Digital ID?**

A digital certificate is like the identity of an individual, when he/she transacts/ interacts through the internet it uniquely identifies any individual on the internet. It consists of an electronic file called "key pairs" containing the 'Private key' and 'Public key' of the individual to whom the certificate belongs, which is digitally signed by the CA(Certifying Authority) to become a legally valid Digital Certificate / Digital Id.

### **2. What is a CA?**

A CA (Certificate Authority) is a body that issues digital certificates. In this case CA is SafeScript Limited, DGFT CA.

### **3. What is a Digital Signature?**

A Digital Signature is the electronic equivalent of a physical signature and can be used to electronically sign any document or transaction.

### **4. What can a Digital Certificate be used for?**

A Digital Certificate can be used to digitally sign any document in electronic format or for transactions being performed through a web-browser. In case of DGFT, you can apply for your license online and digitally sign your request.

### **5. What are the benefits of using Digital certificates?**

A Digital Certificate can be used to electronically sign any document or transaction. It ensures that the data is secured and is not viewed or altered by any unauthorized person. It will also improve on response time taken while applying for a license with DGFT. Digital Certificates issued by a valid Indian CA hold good in a court of law in accordance to the [Indian IT Act 2000](#).

### **6. What is the validity of the signature? What do i do after one year?**

The digital signatures on any document remain valid throughout life, however the digital certificate being used to create the digital signature is valid for a period of one year. After each year, therefore to keep using your digital certificate you need to pay just the renewed fees for your certificates.

### **7. Is the digital certificate secure?**

Using a digital certificate is one of the most secure ways of transacting over the Internet. Another important feature is that certificate enabled applications are accessed on secure socket layer SSL (E.g. <https://dgftcom.nic.in> instead of <http://dgftcom.nic.in>). The SSL enables 128 bit encryption and data traveling between the clients (end user's) browser to the web server of DGFT. Thus making it impossible for anyone to steal information mid-way

### **8. What happens if i lose my Digital Certificate?**

In case you lose your Digital Certificate you would need to re-enroll for a certificate and apply afresh. Therefore it is advised to keep your Digital Certificate safely and take a backup of your certificate.

### **9. Can my Digital Certificate be used by someone else?**

No you are not allowed to share your certificate with someone else. Giving any other person access to your Certificate is like allowing any other person to make use of your physical signature. Therefore it is illegal to allow it. The full responsibility of keeping the certificate safely lies with the certificate holders under Indian IT Act section.

### **10. Whom should i contact to get my Digital certificate?**

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