

EV Code Signing on a card certificate activation

Ver. 3.1

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1. Product description

The Code Signing certificate allows you to digitally sign applications and drivers, certifying their authenticity and security. Thanks to this, users of your software can be sure that it has not been modified, infected or damaged by third parties.

Signing the application with Code Signing eliminates the problem of code anonymity on the internet. With a digital signature you can be sure that users will not see an "unknown publisher" warning when installing or running your program and they will be ensured about its security. Signing your app helps protect both: your users and your brand's reputation.

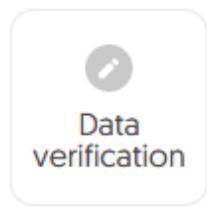
Digital code signing makes using the application safe, which translates into greater trust in your brand and an expansion of your group of users.

2. Certificate activation

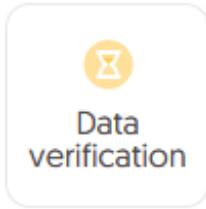
You will be able to start the activation process of your certificate in the store at **My account** in the **Data security products** tab. The process consists of several steps:

- **Data verification** – providing the subscriber and organization's data and the verification
- **Certificate activation** – key pair generation, choosing the fields to include in the certificate and submit to issue.

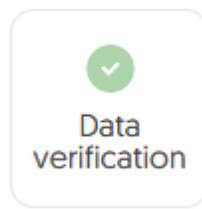
As the activation process goes, each step will go through the next statuses:



Step is awaiting to provide the data



Data is saved and waiting for verification



Verification was successful



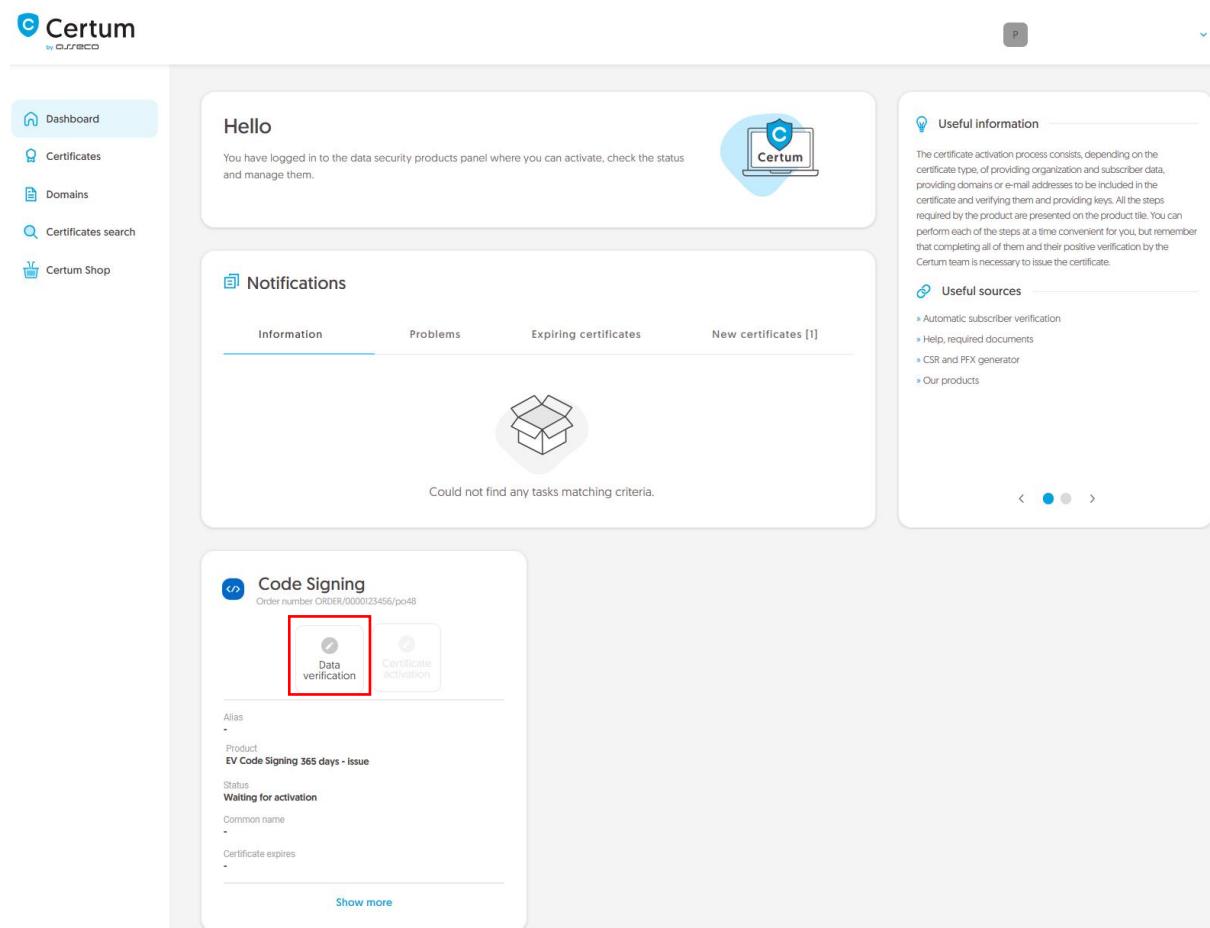
Providing the data is not available yet

Data verification step

Providing data to be verified is the step in which you provide the data of the organization for which the certificate will be issued, the data of the subscriber (the person who represents the organization and will be the owner of the certificate) and the data of the subscriber's authorization to represent the organization. From the data provided here, it will be possible to select data for the certificate in the last step of certificate activation.

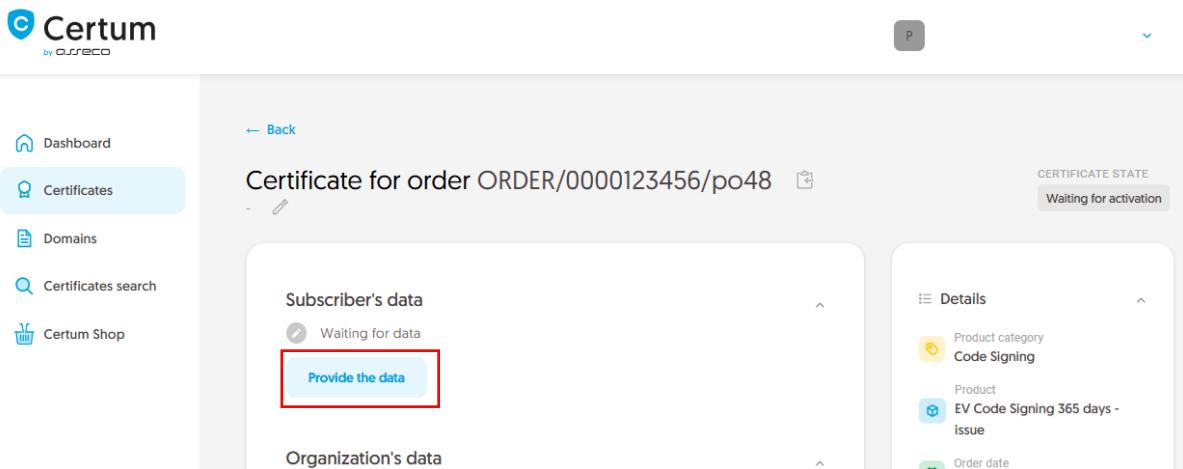
The list of supported verification documents you can check at [Information about required documents](#).

You will be able to start the data verification step from **Dashboard**, using **Data verification** option:



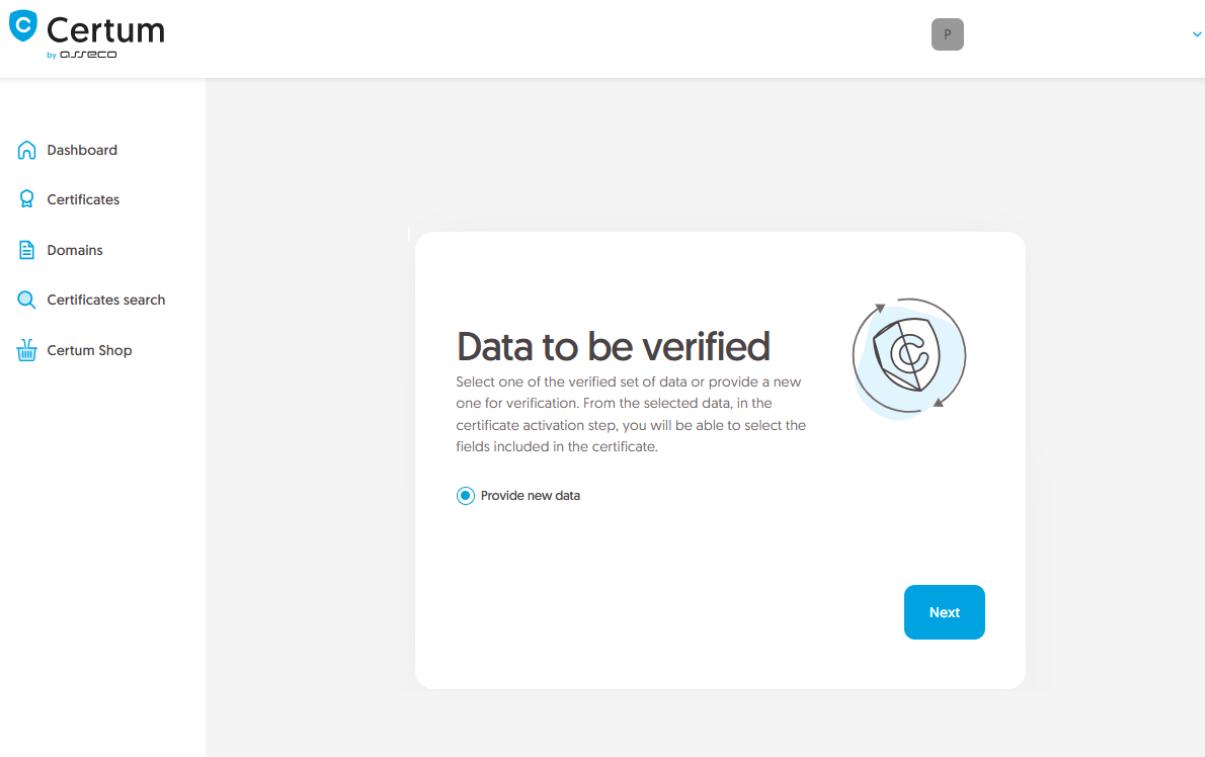
The screenshot shows the Certum dashboard interface. On the left, a sidebar menu includes: Dashboard (selected), Certificates, Domains, Certificates search, and Certum Shop. The main content area has three sections: 'Hello' (with a 'Certum' logo icon), 'Notifications' (with a box icon and the message 'Could not find any tasks matching criteria.'), and 'Code Signing' (with an order number: ORDER/0000123456/po48). The 'Code Signing' section is expanded, showing details: Alias, Product (EV Code Signing 365 days - issue), Status (Waiting for activation), Common name, Certificate expires, and a 'Show more' link. The 'Data verification' button in this section is highlighted with a red box. To the right, there is a 'Useful information' section with a brief description of the certificate activation process and a 'Useful sources' section with links to automatic subscriber verification, help documents, CSR and PFX generator, and products.

or from the **Certificates** list – choose the certificate you want to activate and use **Provide the data** option in the subscriber's data section:



The screenshot shows the Certum interface. On the left, a sidebar has 'Certificates' selected. The main area shows a certificate for order ORDER/0000123456/po48. The 'Subscriber's data' panel shows a 'Waiting for data' status and a 'Provide the data' button, which is highlighted with a red box. The 'Details' panel shows the product category as 'Code Signing' and the product as 'EV Code Signing 365 days - issue'. The 'CERTIFICATE STATE' is 'Waiting for activation'.

The wizard will guide you through the process of providing the data. In the first stage, choose **Provide new data**. In the future, it will be possible to use them to issue another certificate.



The screenshot shows the 'Data to be verified' step of the wizard. It asks to select one of the verified sets of data or provide a new one for verification. It includes a note that in the certificate activation step, the user will be able to select the fields included in the certificate. A radio button for 'Provide new data' is selected, and a 'Next' button is visible at the bottom right. A circular icon with a 'C' and a checkmark is on the right.

In the next stage, provide the details of the subscriber, which means the person who represents the organization and will be the owner of the certificate. Please write the names and surnames in the form as they appear on the subscriber's identity document.

Also choose a method for verifying the subscriber's identity from the available ones:

- **Automatic identity verification** – the subscriber will receive an e-mail with a link to the identity verification service to use with a computer or phone camera and an ID document
- **Attaching a document** – you will add a scan of the subscriber's identity document or an identity confirmation.

After providing the subscriber's data, go to the next stage: providing the organization's data. Here provide the organization's details and the address of its headquarters. The data will be used to verify the existence of the organization.

Choose also how Certum will verify the existence of the organization:

- **By registration number** – Certum will search for information about the organization in the public register using the provided number
- **Attaching a document** – you will add a document confirming the establishment of the organization.

Organization data

Provide the data to let us verify your organization existence. From this data you will be able to choose the fields to include in the certificate.

The data of the organization

ORGANIZATION*

Your company

BUSINESS CATEGORY*

Private Organization

REGISTRATION NUMBER*

12345678

Headquarters of the organization

COUNTRY*

Poland [PL]

STATE OR PROVINCE*

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LOCALITY*

Warsaw

After providing all the required organization's data, proceed to the last stage of providing data for verification step, which is choosing the method of verifying the subscriber's authorization to represent the organization.

There are two methods to choose from:

- **The subscriber is visible in the registry** – the person given as the subscriber appears in one of the given registers as a representative of the organization
- **Attaching a document** – you will add a document confirming authorization. You can download an example of such document by the **Download ready to sign authorization document** link.

The method of verifying the subscriber's authorization is also influenced by the organization's chosen verification method. If the registration number and its type have been provided there, Certum will first check whether the subscriber is listed in the register and the system will automatically mark the method of verifying the subscriber's authorization as **Subscriber is visible in the registry**. However, this does not prevent you from adding a document confirming the subscriber's authorization.

After selecting the authorization verification method and proceeding, verify provided information on the summary screen. If the data is correct, mark the required statements and complete the step of providing data to be verified.

The success screen will inform you that the data have been saved for verification. Certum will verify them. During this time, if you want to add another document confirming the provided data, you can add it in the certificate details. This is also the time to perform automatic verification of the subscriber's identity, if such verification method has been chosen. You may check the [instruction for automatic identity verification](#).

Success!

The data was saved and submitted for verification. The verification usually takes from 1 to 7 days. Positive data verification will allow you to proceed to the next step of the certificate activation.

[Go to dashboard](#)

Positive verification of the provided data will allow you to go to the **Certificate activation**.

Certificate activation step

You will be able to start certificate activation step from **Dashboard**, using **Certificate activation** option:

Hello

You have logged in to the data security products panel where you can activate, check the status and manage them.

Notifications

Information Problems Expiring certificates New certificates [1]

Could not find any tasks matching criteria.

Code Signing

Order number ORDER/0000123456/po48

Data verification	Certificate activation
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Alias

Product: EV Code Signing 365 days - Issue

Status: Under verification

Common name:

Certificate expires:

Show more

Useful information

The certificate activation process consists, depending on the certificate type, of providing organization and subscriber data, providing domains or e-mail addresses to be included in the certificate and verifying them and providing keys. All the steps required by the product are presented on the product title. You can perform each of the steps at a time convenient for you, but remember that completing all of them and their positive verification by the Certum team is necessary to issue the certificate.

Useful sources

- Automatic subscriber verification
- Help, required documents
- CSR and PFX generator
- Our products

or similar to the previous step: from the **Certificates** list – choose the certificate you want to activate and use **Activate certificate** option.

In this step, you will choose the fields you want to include in the certificate and generate key pair.

Choose the fields you want to include in the certificate. Some fields are required and cannot be unmarked.

Once you have chosen the fields to the certificate, go to the key pair generation.

For Code Signing certificates, the available key generation method is **Generating key pair on card** – the keys will be saved on the cryptographic card.

When choosing a method for generating key pair on card, also choose the algorithm and key length. Your choice should depend on the algorithm and key length supported by the application in which you use the certificate or the recommendation of e.g. your IT department.

After selecting the method for generating key pair on card, choose the algorithm and key length.

In the next stage, make sure that you have the card inserted into the reader, the reader connected to the computer and the card itself has an initialized common profile with a PIN code set for it. The process also requires having the proCertum CardManager application installed on your computer, where you can also check the status of the card and the status of PIN and PUK codes.

You may check the instruction of [how to assign PUK and PIN codes for the first time](#).

Key pair generation

Follow the instruction below to generate key pair.

[Download Certum SignService app](#)

1. Download and install the Certum SignService application.
2. Download and install the proCertum CardManager application if you don't have it installed or it requires updating.
3. Connect the card reader to the computer and insert the card.
4. Open the proCertum CardManager application and check if common profile of the card is initialized. Application will ask to set PIN and PUK codes of the card if it needs to be initialized.
5. Start the key pair generation process using **Generate key pair** button.
6. Accept the prompt message from your browser about running the Certum SignService application.
7. When Certum SignService window appears, enter the PIN code for the common profile of your card.
8. Wait until the key pair is generated, it may take up to several minutes.

When the key pair is generated, next window of the wizard will appear.

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To generate keys on the card, you will also need the Certum SignService application installed on your computer. After starting key generation, the Certum SignService application can ask for permission to run and then to provide the PIN code of the card's common profile in order to generate keys on it.

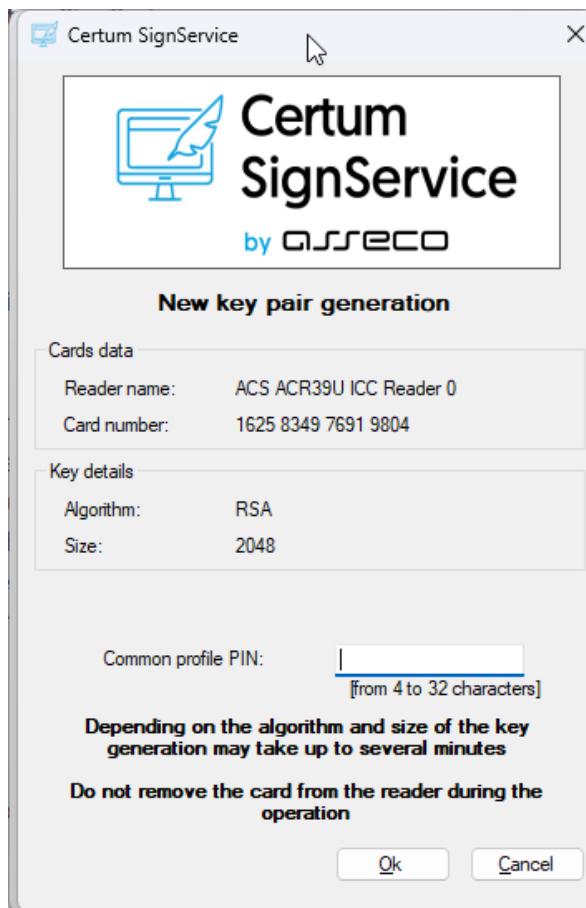
Open CertumSignService?

https://certmanager.certum.pl wants to open this application.

[Open CertumSignService](#) [Cancel](#)

Key pair generation

Certificate data Generation method Key pair generation Summary



After providing the PIN code, the key generation process will begin on the card. This may take up to a few minutes. Once the key is generated, the process will proceed to the next stage.

Check all of provided data. Mark the required statements if needed and complete certificate activation.

The success screen will inform you that the certificate has been submitted for issuance. The issued certificate can be downloaded from the certificate creation e-mail or from the certificate details view: in a convenient **PEM** or **DER** encoding. You can install your certificate on the cryptographic card from the certificate details view.

From the certificate details view you can also download subordinate certificates for the certificate.