

PRESS RELEASE



DPS launches encrypted photo ID service in Ireland

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In partnership with the Irish Passport Service, DPS is today launching a rollout of its encrypted photo ID technology across Ireland. After France and the UK, Ireland is the third country where DPS is rolling out its secure digital photo ID service. DPS collaborates in Ireland with local partners such as Fujifilm, Swains and DLK Photo. Together they have implemented this new digital photo ID service called IDstation.online across a large network of stores in Ireland and the UK. Citizens can have a coded passport photo taken in a participating store nearby. The coded passport photo can be used in the online passport renewal application provided by the Irish Passport Service.

Paul Visser, managing director of DPS, said:

"We are delighted about this collaboration with the Irish government. Our secure photo ID technology assures ICAO-compliant passport photos and the various security features provide a secure and efficient delivery of passport photos to the Irish online renewal application"*

Siobhan Byrne, Deputy Director and Head of the Passport Service Reform Programme, said:

"The Passport Service is delighted to extend our passport photo provider service to Irish citizens across Ireland and the UK. Citizens will benefit from increased choice, with selected pharmacies and camera shops now providing the facility to capture passport photos for use on the Irish passport renewals website securely and to ICAO standards. With the rollout of online child renewals, the service also helps parents of young children to capture high-quality passport photos. It is a great example of collaboration between public and private sectors."

A nice video about the IDstation.online service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOEcEQbqbog>

* The most important advantages of the DPS photo ID technology explained in more detail:

Passport photos no longer need to be printed just to be scanned later. Applicants use a **code** to submit their passport photo, not the photo itself. The photo itself is stored securely and encrypted without anyone being able to change or replace it. **Online** applications such as the Irish online passport renewal www.dfa.ie/passportonline accept the photo codes and obtain the actual photo directly from the secure storage managed by DPS. The photo ID technology assures every photo is **ICAO compliant**. Photos that are taken in one of the participating stores are immediately checked for compliance. Rejected photos can be retaken on the spot. This greatly reduces the number of failed

applications due to rejection of the photo. To detect **identity fraud** such as Morphing and AI generated faces DPS has included special security features into its photo ID technology.

About DPS

DPS - Digital Photo Systems BV develops biometric photo ID systems since 1999. Applications are being used by the Dutch National Police, at Schiphol airport and by the Ministry of Defence. DPS works closely with distributors abroad and has a leading position in photo ID systems in more than 15 countries. DPS encrypted photo ID technology is available to all DPS passport photo systems worldwide. The network of these DPS photo ID systems provides a secure digital passport photo service called IDstation.online.

Example of a coded passport photo



This is a printed copy of your passport photo.
The **digital** passport photo itself is saved
using this **code** :

9XTH96OH

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You need this code when applying online for a passport at www.dfa.ie/passportonline. Follow the instructions on the website and select "I have my code" at the provide a photo page. Choose **IDstation.online** as your Photo Provider and enter the above **code** to access your photo.

We follow the **GDPR** regulations for storing your photo. Manage and download your photo at www.IDstation.online.

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