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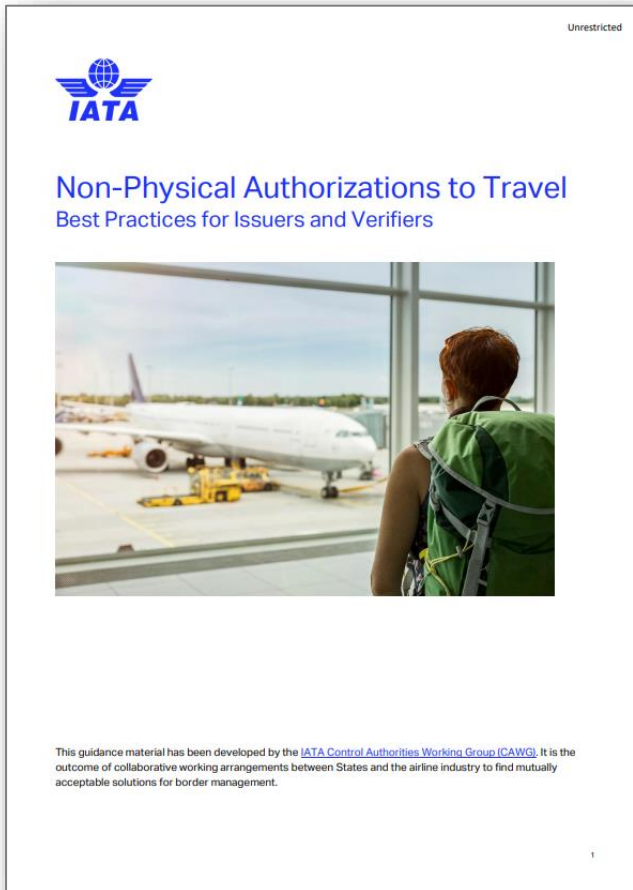


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Non-Physical Authorizations to Travel

Best Practices for Issuers and Verifiers

The role of interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI) and the ICAO Digital Travel Authorization (DTA) in eTA and eVisa programs

1996
eVisas and eTAs
Australia launches the first electronic
Travel Authorization (eTA) and eVisa

2021
ICAO Digital Travel Authorization (DTA)
Standard developed but limited
adoption to date

1992

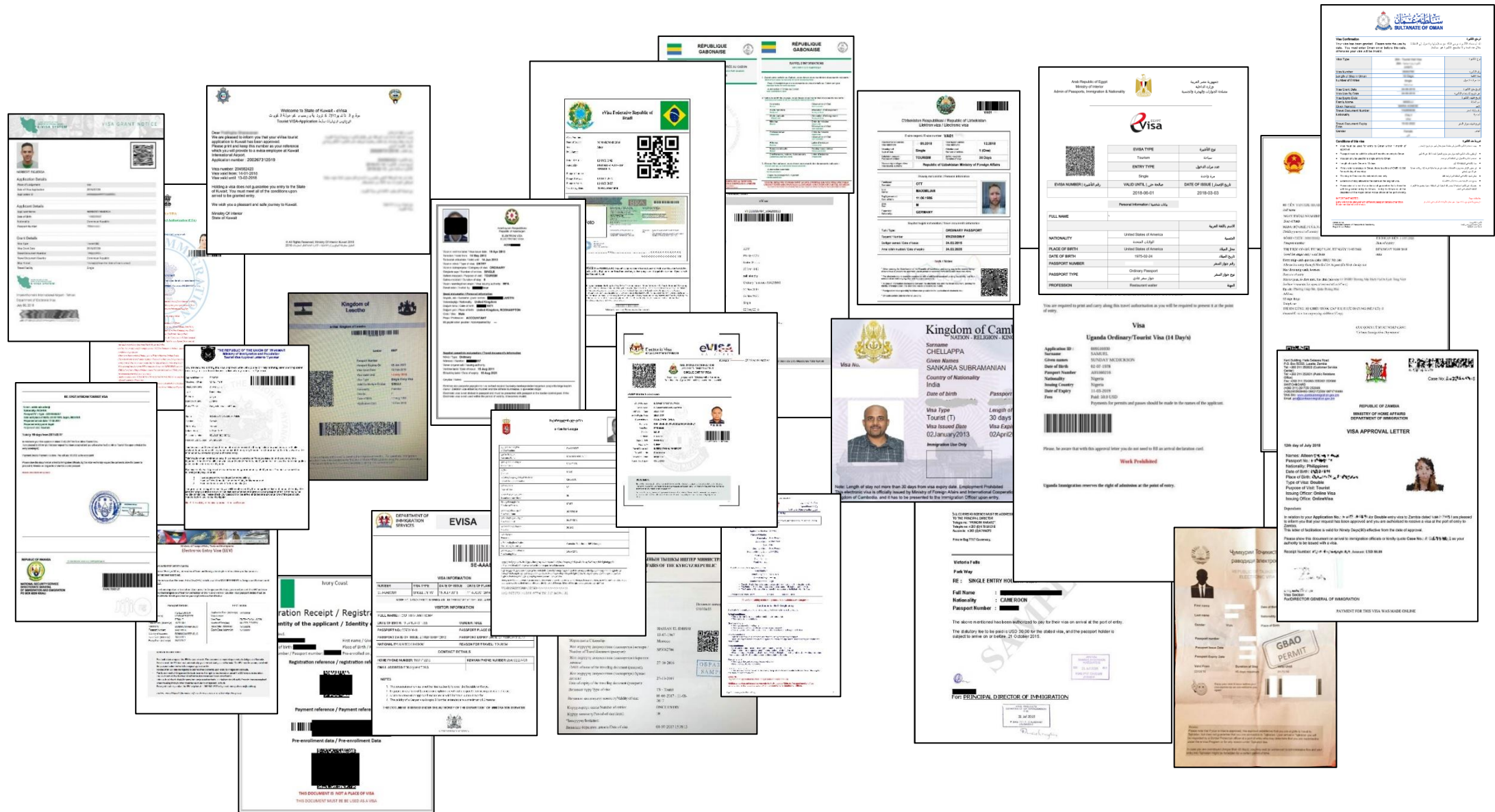
ICAO Doc 9303 Part 2

MRV-A and MRV-B standards
are defined to standardize the
look, feel, and interoperability
of physical Visas

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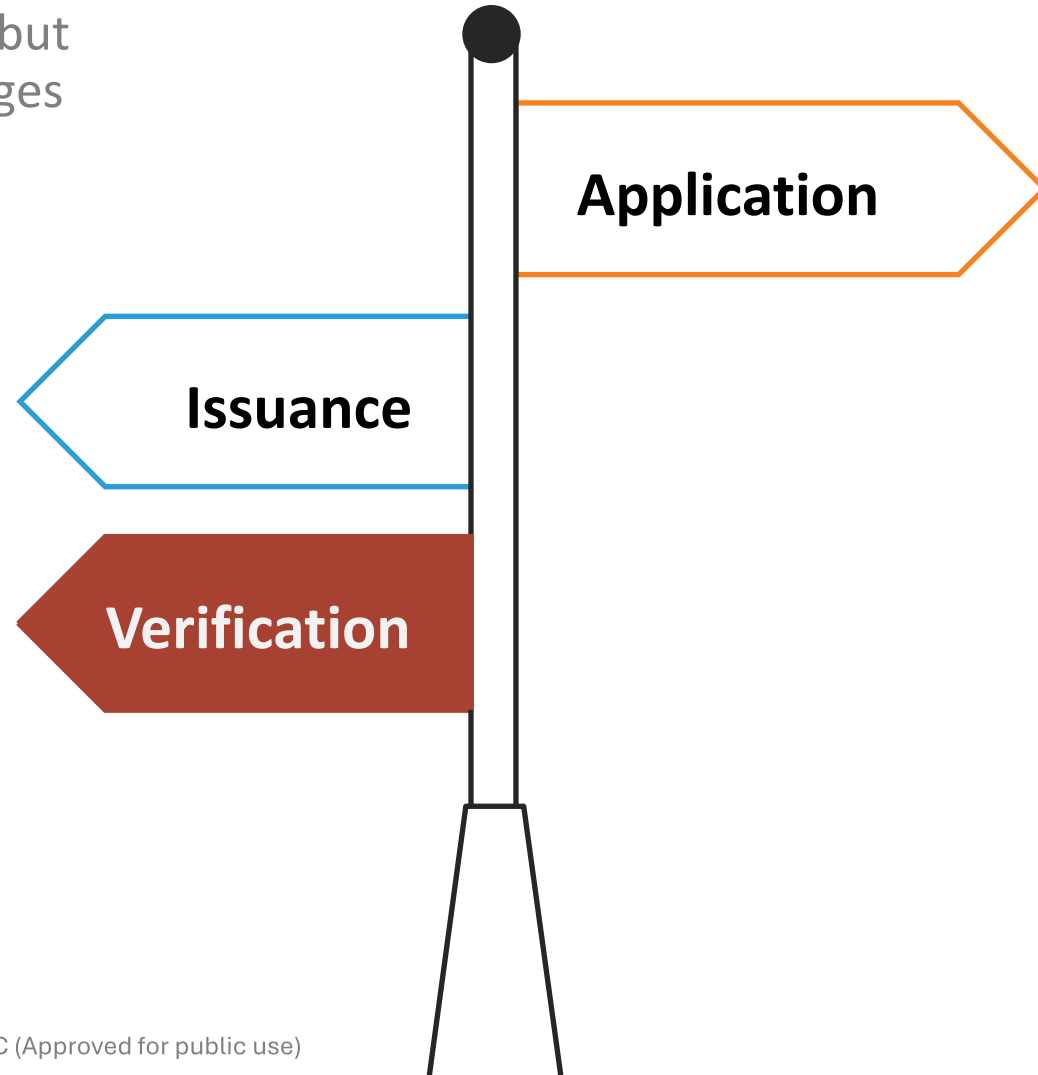
Global patchwork of programs

Over 100 countries are issuing an
eVisa or eTA product with no
standardization



One step forward, two steps back

eVisas and eTAs have made securing an authorization to travel easier than ever, but they have introduced significant challenges



Why verification matters

Uncertainty impacts all parties



AIRLINES

Inadmissible passengers

Liability

Service delivery

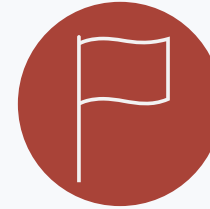


TRAVELERS

Erroneous refusal

Delays

Inability to self-serve



STATES

Increased fraud

Weakened controls

Difficult to automate checks

Four recommendations to improve Facilitation

FALP/14 WP 05 “Implementation Of the ICAO DTA and Related Measures

Integrated vetting responses

Immigration and security

interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI)

The “Gold Standard” for Verification

Common terminology

“Authorization to Travel”

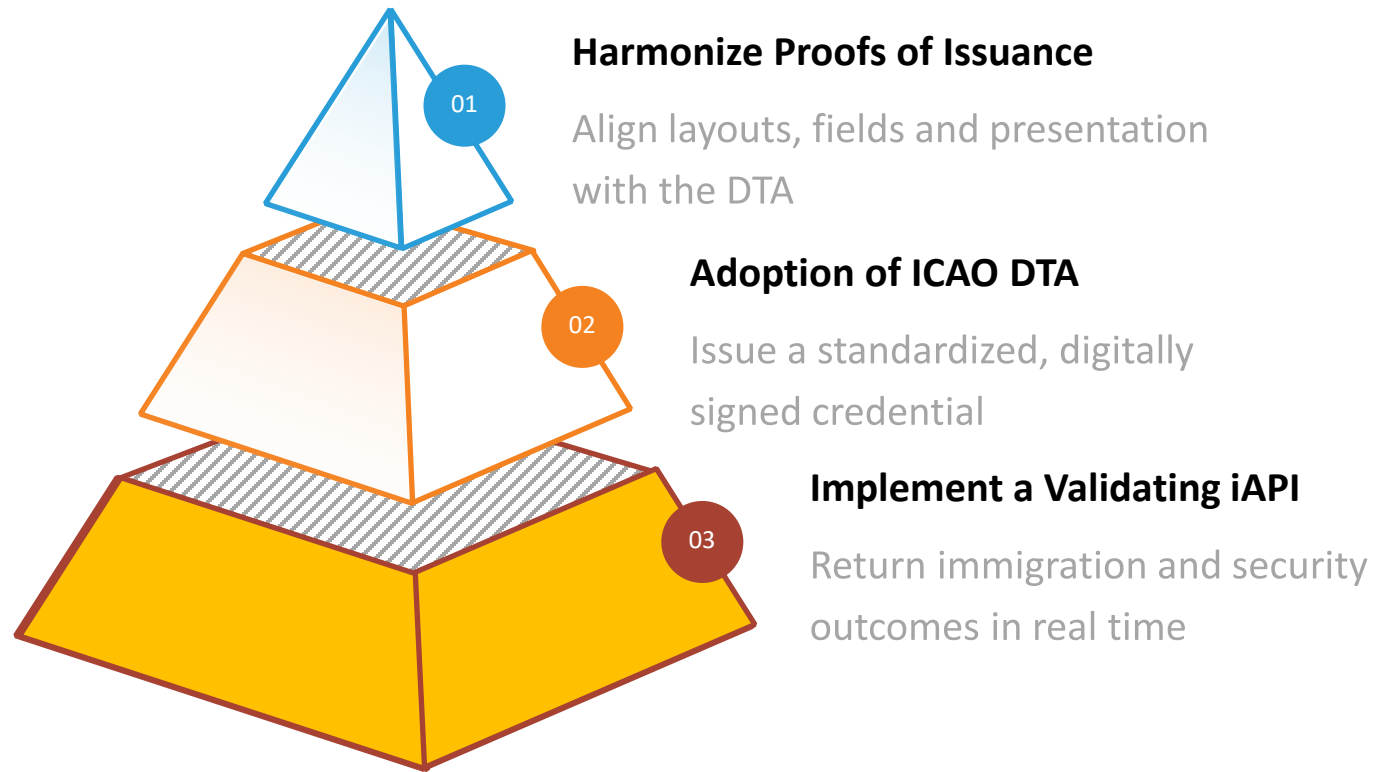
Digital Travel Authorization (DTA)

Defining its role



A Practical Path Forward – towards a true Electronic Travel System

IATA/CAWG “Non-Physical Authorizations to Travel Best Practices Guide for Issuers and Verifiers”



Confidence and Interoperability

A win, win, win



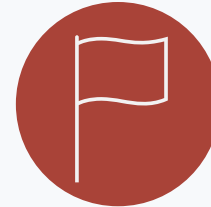
AIRLINES

Confidence to accept
Seamless acceptance
Decreased liability



TRAVELERS

Confidence in status
Self-service
Targeted
escalation/support



STATES

Confidence in data
Efficient border
management
Improved vetting

PREDICTABILITY + STANDARDIZATION = CONFIDENT DECISIONS

The takeaway

We must insist on the interoperability of issuance proofs and verification mechanisms for non-physical authorizations to travel as aggressively as we do for identity.

Seamless travel depends on it.

Thank You

