### Identification and Authentication

#### Purpose:
Define the security requirements for establishing and maintaining user accounts for state information systems.

#### Why it’s important:
Establishes and maintains user accounts for state information systems. Identifies and monitors who’s logging onto the system. Protects assets and content from unauthorized access, disclosure and modification.

#### Target audience:
All personnel

#### Overview:
- **Organizational users**: Ensure the state information system uniquely identifies and authenticates all organizational users.

- **Network access to privileged accounts**: Ensure that multifactor authentication is implemented for network access to privileged accounts.

- **Devices**: Ensure the state information system uniquely identifies and authenticates all devices before establishing a local, remote or network connection.

- **Manage the state information system authenticators**, such as key cards, passwords, tokens and PKI certificates. Change and refresh authenticators as required. Protect authenticator content from unauthorized disclosure and modification.

- **Authenticator feedback**: Ensure the state information system obscures feedback of authentication information during the authentication process to protect against exploitation or use by unauthorized individuals.

- **Cryptographic authentication**: Ensure the state information system implements encryption methods that meet the requirements of applicable federal laws, state laws, executive orders and regulations.

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