

## **PCI Security Standards Council Bulletin: Announcement of Sunset Period for the PCI 3DS SDK Standard**

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The PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) is announcing the initiation of a formal sunset period for the PCI 3-D Secure (3DS) Software Development Kit (SDK) Standard.

### **Background**

The PCI 3DS SDK Standard provides security requirements, assessment procedures, and guidance for 3DS SDKs, as defined in the EMVCo *EMV® 3-D Secure SDK Specification*, to help prevent unauthorized card-not-present (CNP) transactions and reduce merchants' exposure to CNP fraud.

With the release of the PCI Secure Software Standard v2.0 earlier this year, software development kits (SDKs), including EMVCo 3DS SDKs, are now eligible to be assessed under that framework. The PCI Secure Software Standard v2.0 therefore provides an alternative path for the assessment of 3DS SDKs. Additionally, the PCI 3DS Data Matrix was updated to version 1.2 to include information regarding sensitive data elements within 3DS SDKs.

Following the release of the PCI Secure Software Standard v2.0, PCI SSC has determined that the PCI 3DS SDK Standard will now enter a formal sunset phase.

### **Sunset Period Timeline**

- Effective Date of Sunset Period: May 01, 2026
- Sunset Period Ends: October 31, 2026

### **During the sunset period:**

- New PCI 3DS SDK submissions will continue to be accepted by PCI SSC.
- Existing submission processes and program requirements will remain unchanged.

### **At the conclusion of the sunset period:**

- No new PCI 3DS SDK submissions will be accepted by PCI SSC.

### **Existing Listings**

All existing PCI 3DS SDK listings will:

- Remain valid through their normal listing lifecycle.
- Expire in accordance with their established listing validity and expiration dates.
- Continue to be subject to applicable program maintenance requirements throughout their validity period.

In summary, there is no change to the lifecycle treatment of currently approved and listed PCI 3DS SDK solutions.

**Additional Considerations:**

- Organizations currently pursuing or considering PCI 3DS SDK evaluations are encouraged to plan accordingly within the announced sunset timeline.
- Organizations should evaluate future authentication and software security validation strategies based on applicable payment brand requirements and other relevant industry standards, where appropriate.

**Note:** *This sunset announcement applies only to the PCI 3DS SDK Standard and solutions and has no impact on the PCI 3DS Core Standard or related program.*

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