Accessing the Ministry Web Business Services

How to Install Digital Certificates using Netscape Communicator 4.51

A Reference Guide for Access Administrators

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1. Introduction

This guide includes:

- Instructions for installing the Ministry of Health Services digital certificate using Netscape Communicator 4.51.

- Confidentiality Undertakings Guidelines for private sector organizations. A sample is provided to either use as a stand alone confidentiality pledge, or to incorporate into the organization’s existing confidentiality agreement.

- Screen displays included in this guide were captured from Netscape Communicator 4.51. However, if you do use a different version, the screens presented may not be the same. If this is the case, please reference the Help provided with your version of the browser in order to complete any activities described in this document.

2. About Browser Encryption Strength

The encryption strength of your browser is important. The Ministry of Health Services wants to provide strong protection for the personal information that is transmitted. Browsers support either strong encryption or weak encryption. Ministry web business services uses strong encryption (128-bit) so your browser must be able to support this stronger encryption level.

To find out the strength of encryption used by your browser, you will need to look at the browser’s “Help” menu item called “About Communicator”. Somewhere on the left side of the screen you should see: “This version supports U.S. security...”. If it says “International security” instead of “U.S. security”, then the encryption strength is too weak and the browser must be upgraded.
3. **Digital Certificate Management**

The designated Access Administrator (AA) for your organization is responsible for coordinating the installation of the Digital Certificate on the computers of users authorized to access the Ministry web business services, and for ensuring secure storage of the certificate.

- the digital certificate is sent to the Access Administrator as an attachment (approximately 3kb in size) within an email from HealthNet Access Services (HAS).

- the Digital Certificate must be saved from the email to a diskette.

- The Access Administrator must call the Ministry of Health Services HelpDesk at (250) 952-1234 to obtain the digital certificate password.
4. Installing a digital certificate into a Netscape 4.51 Browser

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Each user must be logged onto his/her machine, at the time the certificate is installed on that machine.

1. Open Netscape Navigator Browser.

2. Click on Communicator, in the menu bar, or, click on the Security icon in the button bar.

3. Click on Tools and Security Info.
4. Under the **Certificates** option, click on the **Yours** option.

**Note:**

Your browser will display only those certificates that you have imported.
5. Click on the [Import a Certificate...] button. You may have to scroll to the bottom of the screen to find this button.

6. **Insert the diskette** on which you saved the Digital Certificate.

7. **Select the 3 ½ Floppy drive**, to access the digital certificate file.

8. Ensure that you select All Files <*.*> in the **Files of Type** field.

9. In the **File Name to Import** dialog box, select your certificate file, and click on the **[Open]** button.
10. In the **Password Entry Dialog** box, type in the password that was provided to you by the Ministry of Health Services HelpDesk.

11. Click on the [OK] button.

![Message Box](image1)

A message box will display, when successful certificate importing is completed.

**12.** Click on the [OK] button.

![Certificate Display](image2)

13. Click on the [OK] button, to exit the Security dialog box.

Proceed with further installs of the digital certificate on any other machines that will be used to access the Ministry web business services.
5. **Need Help? Had a problem installing the digital certificate?**

If you experience any problems during the digital certificate installation, please contact the Ministry of Health Services HelpDesk at (250) 952-1234.

6. **Confidentiality Undertaking Document**

All users within **private sector organizations** must sign a confidentiality document prior to accessing the Ministry web business services.

The template on the following page is a sample of the Ministry’s Confidentiality Undertaking. The organization MUST use this wording, but may choose to either use it as a stand alone confidentiality pledge for their employees, or to incorporate this wording within the organization’s existing confidentiality agreement structures.

Signed confidentiality undertakings are to be retained by the organization and used in conjunction with an education program related to privacy and confidentiality of client records.

**The organization must produce the signed undertaking for review and audit at the request of the Ministry of Health Services.**

Note: Users within the **public sector** (hospital employees, etc.) are covered by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOI/POP) Act*, and as such are assumed already to have signed an appropriate confidentiality undertaking, as a requirement of their employment.
CONFIDENTIALITY UNDERTAKING
for private sector users who will be accessing
Ministry of Health Services Client Data

BETWEEN: __________________________ ________(the Organization)

(name)

AND: _I,____________ ___________________________(the user)

(name)

WHEREAS:
THE ORGANIZATION HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTRY
OF HEALTH SERVICES PERMITTING ACCESS TO SPECIFIC CLIENT DATA ON
CERTAIN MINISTRY DATABASES; AND

THAT AGREEMENT INCLUDES SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSES
RESTRICTING THE ACCESS FOR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THE MINISTRY.

I promise to abide by the following terms and conditions:
1. I will not use or access the information in the Ministry databases to which I have been
   granted access, for any purpose other than those which have been authorized by the Ministry
   of Health Services.
2. I will at all times treat as confidential all information related to Ministry clients and will not
   permit the publication, release or disclosure of the same without the prior written
   authorization of the Ministry. For the purpose of this agreement, information related to
   Ministry clients includes, but is not limited to:
   (i) the individual’s name, address or telephone number
   (ii) the individual’s age, gender, marital status or family status
   (iii) the individual’s Personal Health Number (PHN)
3. I will at all times treat as confidential all information related to the security and management
   of Ministry systems and databases.
4. I will adhere to the Medicare Protection Act as it applies to the confidentiality, privacy and
   security of information related to Ministry clients.

UserName
User Signature
Date Signed

Organization Name

Witness Name
Witness Signature
Date Signed

* a person within the organization, such as a supervisor or manager.