

# **PSP PCTF Working Group**

**Close-Out Report  
Jurisdictional Experts on Digital Identity (JEDI)  
2020-12-10**

# Objectives of the PSP PCTF Working Group

- Development of the **Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework** (PSP PCTF):
  - Achieved by contributing and reviewing content, attaining the consensus of the public sector jurisdictions
  - Monitored related developments that might impact the development of the PSP PCTF
  - Main deliverable of the PSP PCTF WG has been the PSP PCTF, the various versions of which consist of a consolidated overview document, an assessment methodology, and an assessment worksheet
- The PSP PCTF WG has also facilitated other activities such as:
  - Sharing information, updates, and lessons learned from various digital identity initiatives
  - Consultation and engagement with multi-jurisdictional and international fora
- Membership:
  - 111 confirmed members on the distribution list; 20-30 regular attendees

# PSP PCTF Working Group Achievements

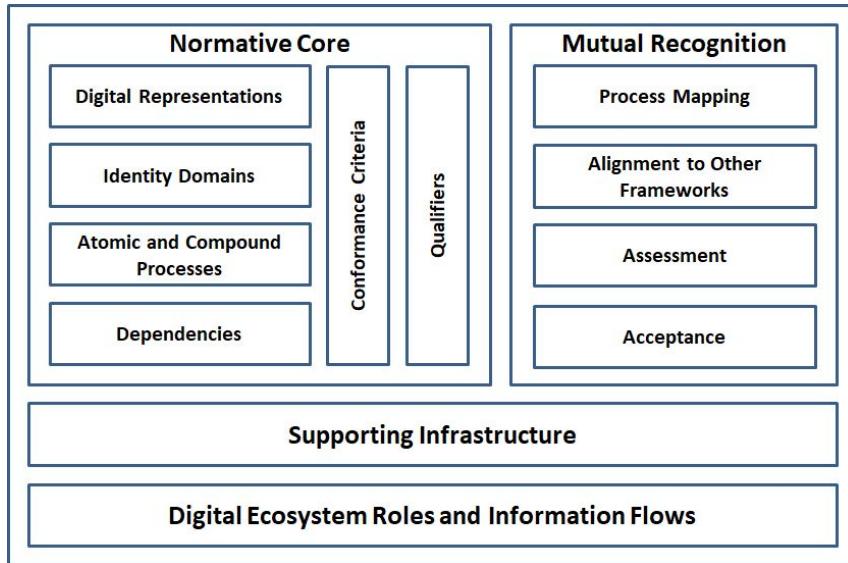
The **PSP PCTF Version 1.2** is now available at: <https://github.com/canada-ca/PCTF-CCP>. It should be noted that this has been the iterative product of several prior versions:

- **April 2018:** The Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework Alpha Version – Consolidated Overview document
- **July 2019:** The Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework Version 1.0 – Consolidated Overview document
- **June 2020:** The Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework Version 1.1 – Consolidated Overview document

For each of these versions of the PSP PCTF, a companion PSP PCTF Assessment Worksheet consisting of approximately 400 conformance criteria

# Public Sector Profile of Pan-Canadian Trust Framework

## PCTF Model



*'Rules of the Road'*

<https://canada-ca.github.io/PCTF-CCP/>



- A **Normative Core** component that encapsulates the key concepts of the PCTF;
- A **Mutual Recognition** component that outlines the current methodology that is used to assess and certify actors in the digital ecosystem;
- A **Supporting Infrastructure** component that describes the set of operational and technical policies, rules, and standards that serve as the primary enablers of a digital ecosystem; and
- A **Digital Ecosystem Roles and Information Flows** component that defines the roles and information flows within the digital ecosystem.

# PSP PCTF Assessments

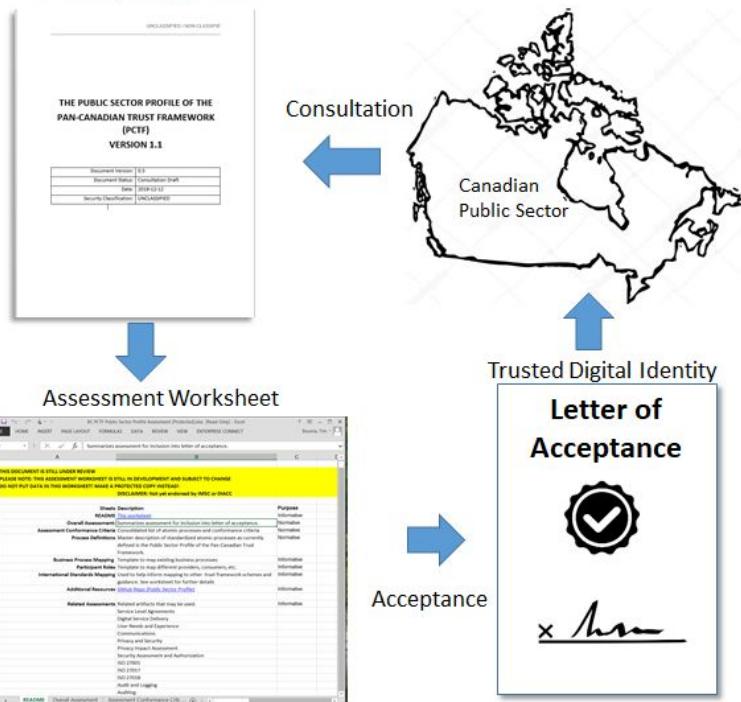
The PSP PCTF was used in the following assessments conducted by the federal government to accept trusted digital identities from the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia:

- **September 2018:** Assessment and Acceptance of the MyAlberta Digital Identity (MADI) Program for use by the Government of Canada (using the PSP PCTF Alpha Version)
- **January 2020:** Assessment and Acceptance of the British Columbia Services Card Program for use by the Government of Canada (using the PSP PCTF Version 1.0)

Re-assessment of the MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) is currently underway (estimated completion of March 2021)

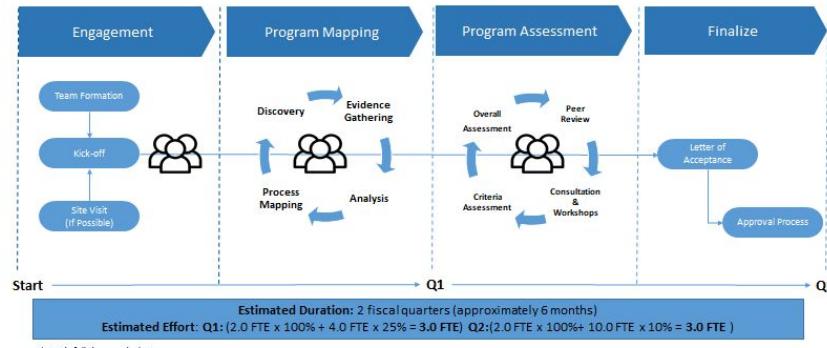
# PSP PCTF Iterative Development Through Assessments

## Primary Deliverable



## Overview of PCTF Public Sector Profile Assessment Process

- Assessment process is conducted in four phases over two fiscal quarters
- Resourcing during phases requires 3.0 FTE\* - 2.0 FTE<sup>†</sup> for dedicated analysis+part-time 1.0 FTE for consultation and assistance.



# Briefings and Related Deliverables

## Joint Council Briefings

- Efforts on the PSP PCTF began in late 2014 and have been reported regularly to the Joint Councils by the Identity Management Sub-Committee (IMSC) Working Group and its successor, the PSP PCTF Working Group. The following is the list of updates that are on record and are available for reference in the **joint-councils-update** folder ([GitHub link](#))
- Many other briefings to various governments, international organizations, etc.

## Related Deliverables

- **Whitehorse Declaration** – a declaration of shared intent among the federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to pursue the establishment of trustworthy digital identities for all Canadians ([GitHub link](#))
- **IMSC Public Policy Paper** – recommendations for a Pan-Canadian policy position on the question of roles and responsibilities of the public and private sector in digital identity ([GitHub link](#))
- **A Public Historical Archive** of deliverables and briefings, many of which pre-date the efforts of the PSP PCTF are being compiled in a folder on a best-effort basis ([GitHub link](#))
- **PSP PCTF Version 1.1** was incorporated into the National Standard of Canada, **CAN/CIOSC 103-1, Digital Trust and Identity – Part 1: Fundamentals**, developed by the CIO Strategy Council, and approved by the Standards Council of Canada ([Website link](#)).

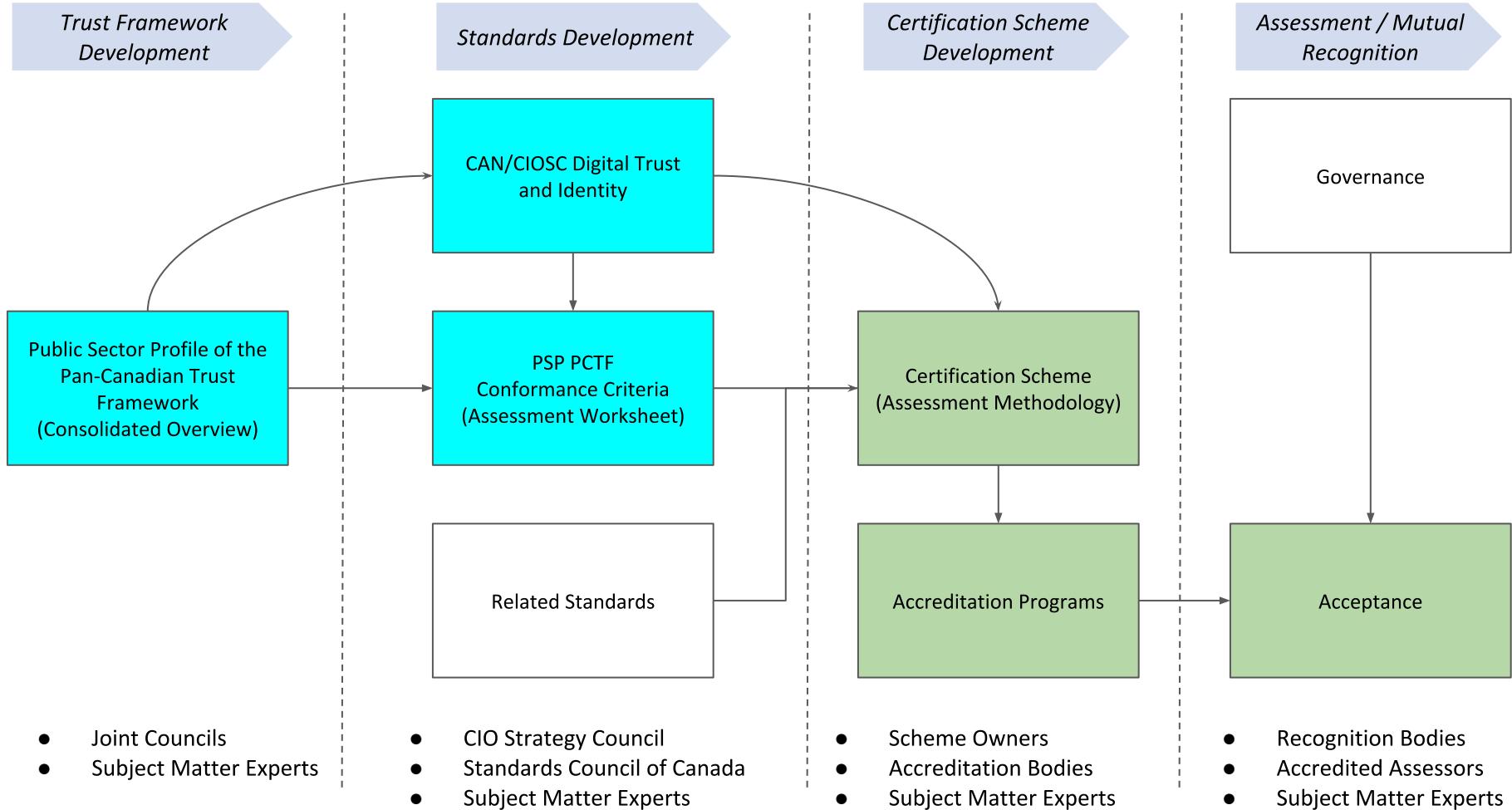
# PSP PCTF WG Work Plan for 2020-2021

1. PSP PCTF Version 1.2
  - a. A **Consolidated Overview document** (released on December 4, 2020) which includes:
    - i. A revised Normative Core (containing new concepts that were developed as a result of the credentials and relationships analysis work)
    - ii. A revised Credential Model (based on the working group discussion document)
    - iii. An incorporated Relationship Model (based on work led by ISED)
  - b. An **Assessment Worksheet** (draft released on December 4, 2020) which contains new and revised conformance criteria for assessment purposes
2. A **re-assessment of the MyAlberta Digital Identity (MADI) Program** for use by the Government of Canada (using the PSP PCTF Version 1.2) with planned completion by March 2021
3. Address the **Thematic Issues** (11 thematic issues have been identified)

# Recommendations and Next Steps

1. Continue the development of the PSP PCTF
2. Continue the application of the PSP PCTF through the Assessment Process:
  - a. Pre-Assessment / Re-assessments
3. Support the changes in the digital governance
4. Establish, as required, working groups, task groups for:
  - a. Ongoing development of the PSP PCTF
  - b. Carrying out specific time-bound tasks (addressing thematic issues)
  - c. Testing practical applications of the PSP PCTF
  - d. Sharing knowledge and lessons learned
5. Facilitate broader engagement using the PSP PCTF:
  - a. Engaging standards development bodies
  - b. Engaging international organizations
  - c. Collaborating with industry associations
  - d. Encouraging dialogue with other countries - bilaterally or via multilateral bodies (UNCITRAL, Digital Nations, OECD, etc.)

# Annex



# National / International Digital ID

