**2. Check for Verified Digital ID–CIF Link**

→ The backend checks if the **Digital ID is already linked** to a **CIF + jurisdiction** in the kyc\_digital\_cif\_links table:

**🟢 If a link exists:**

* System retrieves the client’s profile using the linked CIF + jurisdiction
* The frontend **does not display CIF or jurisdiction**
* Instead, it shows a **simple message** (e.g., *“Your profile has already been verified”*)
* Client is allowed to **immediately proceed** to document upload

**🟡 If no link exists, and client is a RIBS client:**

* The backend extracts CIF and jurisdiction from the **Digital ID metadata** (KIP and transit)
* The system **auto-verifies** and **creates the link** behind the scenes
* Client is allowed to proceed without entering CIF or jurisdiction
* No Service Delivery involvement required

**🔴 If no link exists, and client is not a RIBS client (e.g., T24):**

* The frontend **prompts the user to manually enter CIF and jurisdiction**
* The system will require **manual Service Delivery verification** after document upload

We designed this solution to be **core-agnostic**, ensuring the same process flow regardless of whether a client is from **RIBS** or **T24**.

**However, RIBS offers a distinct advantage:**

* The **Digital ID includes a trusted CIF** (KIP), allowing early linkage and automated validation.
* This means RIBS clients can **bypass verification altogether**, while T24 clients still require identity validation due to the lack of CIF trust in Digital.

So although **the implementation is consistent**, the **value is realized asymmetrically**.

Three Approaches to Digital ID–CIF Handling

| **Option** | **Description** | **Pros** | **Cons** |
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| **1. Auto-verify via Digital ID (RIBS only)** | Digital ID contains CIF and transit; backend auto-verifies and creates link | Seamless UX, no input needed, least technical debt | Requires Digital metadata to be accurate; limited fallback |
| **2. Manual CIF input + verify on backend** | User inputs CIF; backend checks against Digital on verify click | Allows error feedback; more visible for user | Slightly more complex; added retry logic |
| **3. Manual input; flag mismatch at submission** | User enters everything; mismatch flagged after upload | Simplest to implement | Worst UX, late error discovery, higher support load |