

VERISIGN, INC Certification Authority License Has Expired

This message is posted under the authority of RCW 19.34.130.

The Office of the Secretary of State believes that the business practices of Verisign, Inc create unreasonable risk to relying parties and subscribers of Verisign digital certificate and repository services as set forth below.

Verisign's license under the electronic authentication act, chapter 19.34 RCW, expired January 31, 2011. The Office of the Secretary of State has contacted Verisign but has received no communication from the company.

Verisign's surety bond, required for licensing under chapter 19.34 RCW has expired. Links to the company web site now indicate a different company name, Symantec. This office does not know if Verisign, Inc. is continuing to offer Certificate Authority and Repository services.

This office does not know if Verisign, Inc is complying with its duties under RCW 19.34.291. RCW 19.34.291 sets forth the duties of a certificate authority on discontinuation of certificate authority and repository services. Under 19.34.291 a licensed certificate authority must: Notify all subscribers listed in valid certificates of the discontinuation of services; and Make reasonable arrangements for the preservation of the certificate authority's records.

Since this office has received no further information from Verisign, Inc, all parties relying on or subscribing to Verisign certificates are advised to attempt contact with the Verisign, Inc company to determine the status of the certificates involved. The most recent contact information known to the Office of the Secretary of State is provided below.

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