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Update to:

Terms of use can be utilized by an [issuer](#) or a [holder](#) to communicate the terms under which a [verifiable credential](#) or [verifiable presentation](#) was issued [or communicate the terms under which the verifiable credential can be shared](#). The [issuer](#) places their terms of use inside the [verifiable credential](#). The [holder](#) places their terms of use inside a [verifiable presentation](#). This specification defines a [termsOfUse property](#) for expressing terms of use information.

Example 1: Issuer specifies (and references) the legal framework under which the VC has been issued.

https://code.europa.eu/ebsi/json-schema/-/blob/main/schemas/vcdm2.0/trust-model/examples/RTAO-verifiable-authorisation-trust-chain.json?ref_type=heads

```
"termsOfUse": {
  "type": "TrustFrameworkPolicy",
  "trustFramework": "Employment&Life",
  "policyId": "https://example.com/policies/125",
  "legalBasis": "professional qualifications directive"
},
```

Trust Framework: Title of the trust framework

LegalBasis: Title of the legal basis

PolicyId: URL to a human-readable document that defines the legal basis

The trust framework should define the rules and policies for issuing, storing, sharing, and processing Verifiable Credentials. Recommendation: Verifiers should not accept Verifiable Credentials with terms of use the don't recognise.

Example 2: Issuer specifies the basis on which it has right to issue a VC

https://code.europa.eu/ebsi/json-schema/-/blob/main/schemas/vcdm2.0/trust-model/examples/TAO-accredited-to-accredit.json?ref_type=heads

```
"termsOfUse": {
  "type": "AccreditationPolicy",
  "rootAuthorisation": "https://api-test.ebsi.eu/trusted-issuers-registry/v5/issuers/did:ebsi:zvHWX359A3CvfJnCYaAiAde/attributes/60ae46e4fe9adffe0bc83c5e5be825aafe6b5246676398cd1ac36b8999e088a8",
  "parentAccreditation": "https://api-test.ebsi.eu/trusted-issuers-registry/v5/issuers/did:ebsi:zvHWX359A3CvfJnCYaAiAde/attributes/60ae46e4fe9adffe0bc83c5e5be825aafe6b5246676398cd1ac36b8999e088a8"
},
```

In the example above, the [issuer](#) is asserting that as an accredited issuer (as expressed in the parent accreditation), it complies with the referenced Trust Framework policies as an accredited issuer and is registered in the EBSI register of trusted issuers.

The [termsOfUse id](#) can be resolved by the [verifier](#) to confirm that the [issuer](#) has been issued

an accreditation VC (signed as JWS) by a trusted issuer higher in the Trust chain [?EBSI](<https://hub.ebsi.eu/vc-framework/trust-model/issuer-trust-model-v4>).

Note: The framework is not limited to EBSI and the way it's designed, URLs/URIs can be replaced with other endpoints that resolve the accreditations.

VC is a W3C VC, signature is JWS (not JWT since JWT limits the signature format to compact serialised JWS).

Example 3:

<https://hub.ebsi.eu/vc-framework/trust-model/policies>

```
"termsOfUse": {
  "type": "PresentationPolicy",
  "confidentialityLevel": "confidential",
  "requiredCredentials": [
    {
      "types": ["VerifiableCredential", "VerifiableAttestation", "LegalEntityVerifiableID"],
      "trustFramework": "eIDAS",
    }, {
      "types": ["VerifiableCredential", "VerifiableAuthorisation", "VerifierAuthorisation"],
      "limitRootTao": ["did:ebsi:123"]
    }
  ],
  "pii": "none"
}
```

Terms of use can be also used to define the VC presentation or sharing policies. In the example we define a PresentationPolicy, where the VC is considered to be confidential and the wallet can present the VC if and only if the Verifier meets the requirements: it must present one or more VCs specified in the terms of use.

When such VC is issued to a wallet, the wallet should reject VCs with presentation policies it doesn't understand.