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**1.** Introduction

[…] On 15 February of 2002 the constitutive for the “Consorci per a l’Administració Oberta” session took place, in this session the General Board decided the constitutive agreement of an entity (named “Agència Catalana de la Certificació – CATCert”) with the goal to manage digital certificates and to offer other services related with the electronic signature in the Catalan public area. […]

**Note:** The minutes of this session can be consulted in the Official Journal of the Catalan Government (<http://www.gencat.cat/diari/3895/03119140.htm>), where in the 2ond article, point e) it says:

To promote the external recognition of the digital certificates issued in the system of digital certification of the Catalan Public Administrations.

**1.3.4** Registration Entities

Register entities are legal persons that assist Certification Entities in certain procedures and certain relationships with certificate requestors and certificate subscribers, especially in the identification, register and authentication procedures of the key owners.

The creation process of Registration Entities is a responsibility of the Certification Entity administrator. **Through an agreement the Registration Entity is constituted**. CATCert verifies that the Registration Entity has available enough material and human resources, and the responsible staff designation. CATCert is responsible of the staff training who issues the certificates as Registration Entity operators, and CATCert is responsible of the issuing of operator (CIPISR). CATCert will validate the certificate requests of the Registration Entities checking the request and the data included in the data certificate, and making all the necessary checks for the fulfillment of this General Policy of Certification and the Declaration of Certification Practices.

In class 1 certificates, the Registration Entity and the subscriber can be the same organization, and, consequently, the Registration Entity will usually perform also as applicant of the certificate.

In class 2 certificates, the Registration Entity and the subscriber will have to be different organizations, since the Registration Entity has to perform on account of the Certification Entity.

There are three types of register entities:

1) Internal Registration Entities operated by a subscriber institution of class 1 certificates.

2) Virtual Registration Entities, relevant to certificate subscriber institutions that have delegated the registry to CATCerto or to Associate Registration Entities

3) Associate Registration Entities, which collaborate with the subscriber institutions of class 1 certificates in the certificates issuing process, and which collaborate with Certification Entities in the class 2 certificates issuing process.

Institutions, in order to become Internal Registration Entities, will have to design and implant the technical, juridical and security procedures regarding the lifecycle of the certificates that they issue.

These procedures will be previously validated by the Certification Entity.

**NOTE**: The same text can be find into the each Certification Entity CPS, for example, point 1.3.4 of <http://www.catcert.cat/descarrega/oficina_politiques/D1111_N-DPC-EC-AL_v3r5_cat.pdf>)