6. Generation of LEAR Verifiable Credentials

Within the DOME ecosystem, **Verifiable Credentials** serve as the foundation of digital identity and access control. They ensure that every action in the **Marketplace** can be securely traced back to the company represented by the user, while minimizing the risk of tampering through multi-factor verification.

Users authenticate with their credential to access the platform, publish company offerings, and—when available—manage commercial transactions.

The company information you provide — including details about the LEAR designation — is essential for generating Verifiable Credentials in a consistent and trustworthy manner. This ensures a high level of reliability, strengthening confidence and adding value for all Marketplace users, whether they are Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) or Cloud Customers.

Once the **signed copy of the Marketplace Terms and Conditions for Cloud Service Providers** has been received and confirmed, the process to generate your **LEAR Credential** will begin. You will then receive an **email with a Credential Offer** to complete the activation. **Follow this guide for detailed instructions.**

Completing **this process is mandatory** to activate your CSP account in the Marketplace. Without it, you will not be able to operate your account, even if you have already signed the Marketplace Contract for Cloud Service Providers.

??Important: **The Credential Offer email is valid for 72 hours.** After this period, the offer expires, and you will need to request a new one.

After obtaining the credential in your Wallet account, your **CSP account becomes fully operational**. You can then:

- Start **listing your offerings** in the Marketplace (see the guide), and
- Access the Issuer (see the guide) to create credentials for your employees.

By issuing LEAR Credentials, the Marketplace guarantees that only individuals authorized by a CSP can operate within that CSP's account. This significantly reduces the risk of unauthorized or fraudulent listings, enhancing trust across the platform — both for Cloud Customers and for CSPs — by ensuring that every action performed in the Marketplace is verifiably tied to an authorized company representative.

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