Introduction - Verifiable Credentials in the DOME Ecosystem

Verifiable Credentials are used in the DOME ecosystem as a **trusted mechanism for identity, authentication, and authorization**.
They ensure that both individuals and services can interact securely across the different DOME components — such as the Issuer, the Marketplace, and external integrations — while maintaining verifiable trust and data integrity.

Credential Issuance and Management

Credentials are **issued through the Issuer application** and **retrieved and stored in the Wallet application**.

When a new company joins the DOME ecosystem, it must complete the **onboarding process**, which concludes with the issuance of a LEAR Credential Employee for the company's Legal Representative (LEAR). This credential acts as the company's primary identity within DOME and grants the holder the authority to **create and manage additional credentials** for employees or services using the Issuer.

If you are a non-LEAR employee, the LEAR of your organization can issue a Verifiable Credential on your behalf.
Once your credential has been issued, you can retrieve it by following these steps.

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