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## Introduction

ISO/IEC 15693 (all parts) is one of a series of International Standards describing the parameters for identification cards as defined in ISO/IEC 7810 and the use of such cards for international interchange.

This document describes the anticollision and transmission protocols.

This document does not preclude the incorporation of other standard technologies on the card.

Contactless card standards cover a variety of types as embodied in the ISO/IEC 10536 series (close-coupled cards), the ISO/IEC 14443 series (proximity cards) and the ISO/IEC 15693 series (vicinity cards). These are intended for operation when very near, nearby and at a longer distance from associated coupling devices, respectively.