

## **Policy Title: User Authentication**

Impact: Employees, Students, Affiliates

Responsibility: Chief Information Officer

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Identification, Authentication, and Authorization are controls that facilitate access to and protect North Idaho College (NIC) information technology (IT) resources.

NIC's Information Technology (IT) department assigns a unique identifier and user credentials for identification and authentication purposes to individuals who have a business or educational need to access non-public NIC IT resources.

Authorization for NIC resources will depend on the individual's relationship, or relationships, to NIC and the requirements associated with that relationship.

## **Definitions**

- A. "Affiliate:" refers to any authorized individual, business, or organization connected to NIC, authorized to act on behalf of NIC, or authorized to conduct work related to NIC needs.
- B. "Authentication:" The process through which a user proves his or her identity by providing sufficient user credentials.
- C. "Authorization:" The process of determining which services, privileges, and resources a user is entitled to access. "Information Technology" or "IT" resources refers to any resource related to the access and use of digitized information, including but not limited to hardware, software, devices, appliances, and network bandwidth.
- D. "Identification:" The process of establishing user credentials in order to access and use NIC resources.
- E. "Institutional Data:" refers to any type of information that is processed, created, collected, transferred, recorded, or stored by NIC to conduct NIC business.
- F. "User Credential:" Information used to access NIC IT resources.