

National Institute of Health

MFA REQUIREMENTS

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NIH Compliance



Next Steps to
become National
Institute of Health
compliant

- Release Attributes
 - ◆ NIH
 - ◆ R&S
 - ◆ All of InCommon
- REFEDS Multi-factor Authentication
 - ◆ Confirm the AuthN context configuration
 - ◆ To establish the current 'session'

- LATER: eduPersonAssurance

Shibboleth IdP

- Are you releasing attributes to NIH Gateway now?
 - ◆ If not, no one can be using your IdP for NIH today
 - So nothing will change FOR YOUR IdP on Sept. 15
 - ◆ But InCommon would really like you to have your IdP release to R&S
 - Might become a new Baseline Expectation at some point

Shibboleth IdP

→ You can look for this in attribute-filter.xml

- Any InCommon registered SPs
 - `<PolicyRequirementRule xsi:type="RegistrationAuthority" registrars="https://incommon.org"/>`
- Any federation-designated R&S
 - `<PolicyRequirementRule xsi:type="EntityAttributeExactMatch" attributeName="http://macedir.org/entity-category" attributeValue="http://refeds.org/category/research-and-scholarship" />`
- Specifically to the NIH eRA Gateway SP
 - `<PolicyRequirementRule xsi:type="Requester" value="https://federation.nih.gov/FederationGateway" />`

Shibboleth IdP

→ MFA Configuration

- Using the MFA flow
- Have Duo (by far most common in higher ed) configured
- Have associated

<https://refeds.org/profile/mfa>

with **authn/Duo** and **authn/MFA** in

- `conf/authn/general-authn.xml` or
- `conf/authn/authn.properties` (in IdP v4.1.x)

Shibboleth IdP

→ MFA Configuration

- Have something like this in the MFA logic (this basic pattern is in copy of this file provided in IdP distribution)

- `conf/authn/mfa-authn-config.xml`, in `checkSecondFactor` bean

....

```
nextFlow = "authn/Duo";
```

....

```
if (mfaCtx.isAcceptable()) { // if password alone is good enough
```

```
    nextFlow = null;
```

```
}
```

Shibboleth IdP

- Delegating authentication to Azure AD?

Then follow Proxy Task 6 in this Shibboleth wiki page:

[https://shibboleth.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/KB/pages/1467056889/Using+SAML+Proxying+in+the+Shibboleth+IdP+to+connect+with+Azure+AD#Using+SAMLProxyingintheShibbolethIdPtoconnectwithAzureAD-ProxyTask6.HandlingREFEDSAuthnContextRequests\(optional\)](https://shibboleth.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/KB/pages/1467056889/Using+SAML+Proxying+in+the+Shibboleth+IdP+to+connect+with+Azure+AD#Using+SAMLProxyingintheShibbolethIdPtoconnectwithAzureAD-ProxyTask6.HandlingREFEDSAuthnContextRequests(optional))

- Delegating authentication to some other SAML IdP service? Then talk to Unicon, we can help if you need help.

Shibboleth IdP

→ Then verify with NIH Compliance Check tool

<https://auth.nih.gov/CertAuthV3/forms/compliancecheck.aspx>

→ Ignore (for now) any messages about not sending any eduPersonAssurance values. *That will be needed in the future, but not for Sept. 15.*

Apereo CAS

- Requires Apereo CAS SSO Server version 5.1.x+ configured as SAML2 IdP
- Configure an MFA trigger and MFA provider module
- Integrate NIH services or all of InCommon in the Service Registry
- Release the specified attributes or the R&S bundle in the Service definition(s)
- Configure in `cas.properties` the Refeds MFA authentication context class to your MFA provider

```
cas.authn.saml-idp.authentication-context-class-mappings[0]=https://refeds.org/profile/mfa->mfa-duo
```

SimpleSAMLphp

→ SimpleSAMLphp

- ◆ Run SimpleSAML as an IdP requires MFA and local attribute release configuration
- ◆ Run SimpleSAML as a proxy back to the IdP requires patch

→ MFA

- ◆ Requires a 3rd Party Module or custom development
- ◆ Attribute Release - R&S

→ Proxy Patch

<https://wiki.refeds.org/pages/view/page.action?pageId=38895667>

Federation Gateway



Provides multi-entity metadata exchange to establish relationships between SAML IdPs and SAML SPs -- SAML2 Proxy

- Should be updated to support proxying of ACCR
- Support of Azure AD MFA mapping

NIH Down the Road

- Watch for another Webinar & Open Forum Session
 - ◆ We'll present additional NIH requirements
 - ◆ We'll discuss common next steps
 - ◆ We'll answer your questions
- Many branches of government - security needs affect Higher Education

We are happy to setup consulting sessions for more complex needs, please reach out to sales@unicon.net



Questions? ➤ Answers.