

# FAQ SFA/MFA

## MFA FAQ

- Q: *Is compliance to SFA required in order to qualify for MFA?*
  - A: *No, both profiles may be used completely independent of each other.*

For a more comprehensive REFEDS MFA FAQ please see [MFA Profile FAQ](#).

## SFA FAQ

- Q: *Does SFA impose requirements on password lifetime?*
  - A: *No, SFA does not require password rotation.*
- Q: *Are the passwords whose secret basis is 72 characters actually required to have special characters?*
  - A: *No, SFA does not impose requirements on password complexity. The CSP qualifies to the 72 characters if it allows the user to choose their password from that character basis.*
- Q: *Does compliance to one profile of SFA/MFA ensure compliance to the other one?*
  - A: *No. Although MFA is considered the more secure profile, the requirements are significantly different from SFA and vice versa.*
- Q: *Does SFA require a strict rate limit?*
  - A: *No, SFA just requires any protection against online guessing. It is not required to implement specific controls or define a strict rate limit. The organisation itself might decide which measures are appropriate.*