
MSEIT ECA Certificate Instructions— Part 2

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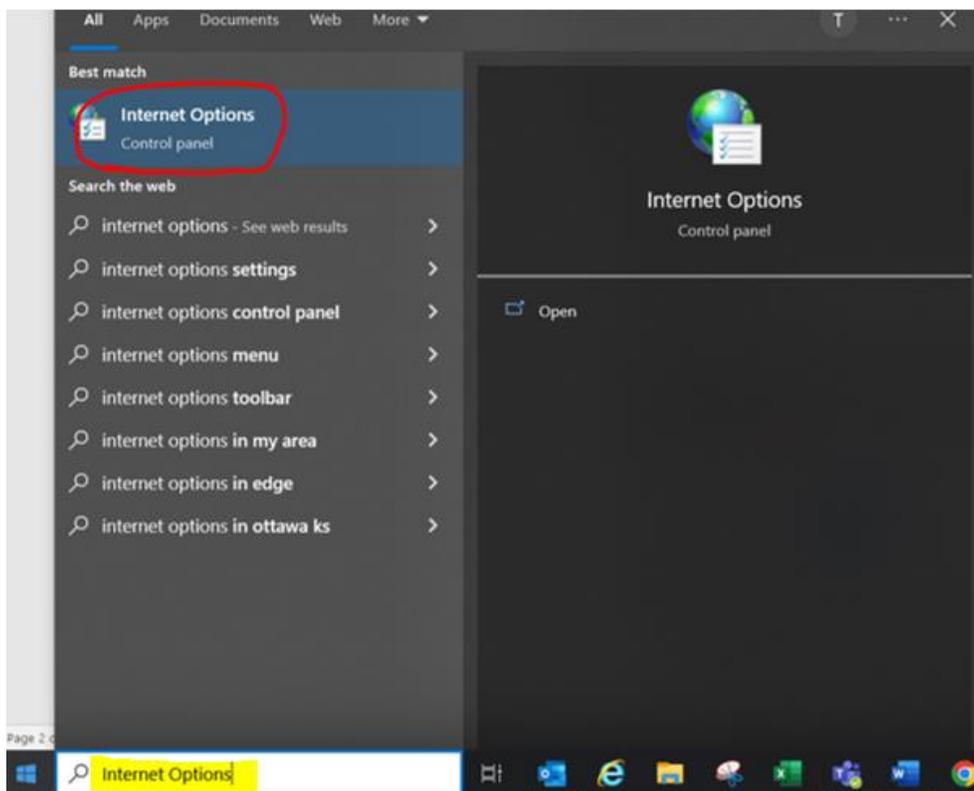
8. Required Certificate Export and Publication

The certificate must first be exported from your computer and then sent to the eMC2 team so it can be imported into your account. After that is completed, you will be able to use it to access eMC2. Once exported, you will also need to publish the certificate to the Global Address List (GAL) in order to digitally sign and decrypt emails.

Remember that when you renew your certificate (e.g., when it expires), you must send the webmaster your updated certificate to continue to use eMC2.

8.1 Export your Certificate for eMC2 Access

1. If you are using a DoD CAC, insert it into your card reader. You must have completed the process of making the certificates available in Windows. If you are using an IdenTrust Smart Card, ensure that you have already imported it into your Windows system.
2. In your Windows Search bar (bottom left of your computer), type **Internet Options**. Open **Internet Options Control Panel**.

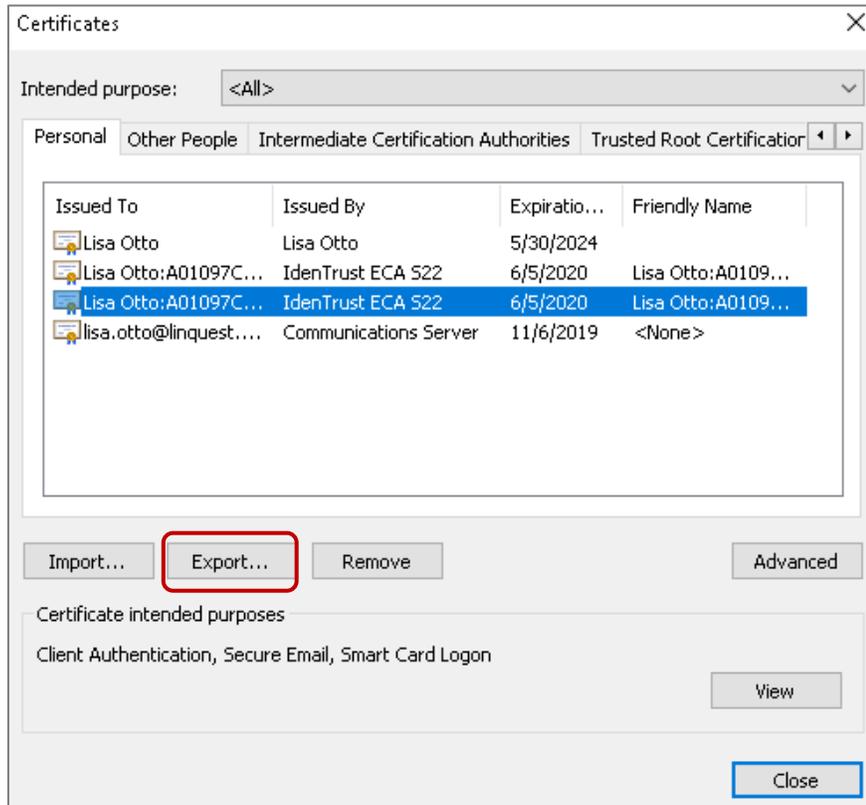


3. From the Internet Options Window, navigate to **Content > Certificates**.

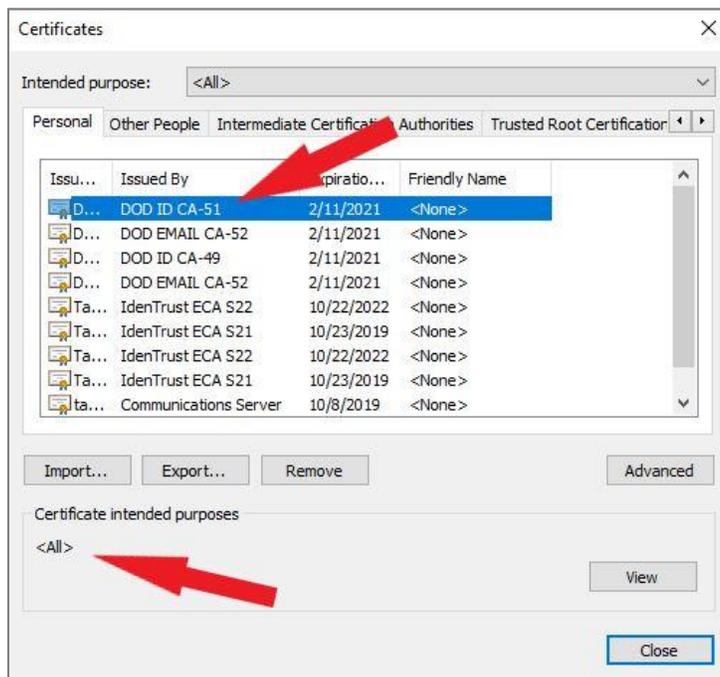


- If you are using **Chrome** or **Edge** for your browser, perform the following steps:
- a. At the top right of the browser window, click the three dots. Navigate to **Settings > Privacy and security > Security**.
 - b. Click **Manage Certificates**.
 - c. On the **Personal** tab, highlight your Identrust certificate with your name and valid expiration date. This is not your email certificate.
 - d. Click **Export**, then click **Next** until you reach the window that says Browse. Save your file to your computer and close the browser.
 - e. Continue to step 16 to rename the file and send to the webmaster.
4. On the **Personal** tab, highlight your Identrust certificate with your name and valid expiration date. This is **not** your email certificate. For CAC users, do **not** select the DOD E-Mail CA-XX.

5. Click **Export**.



CAC cert users looks similar to this:



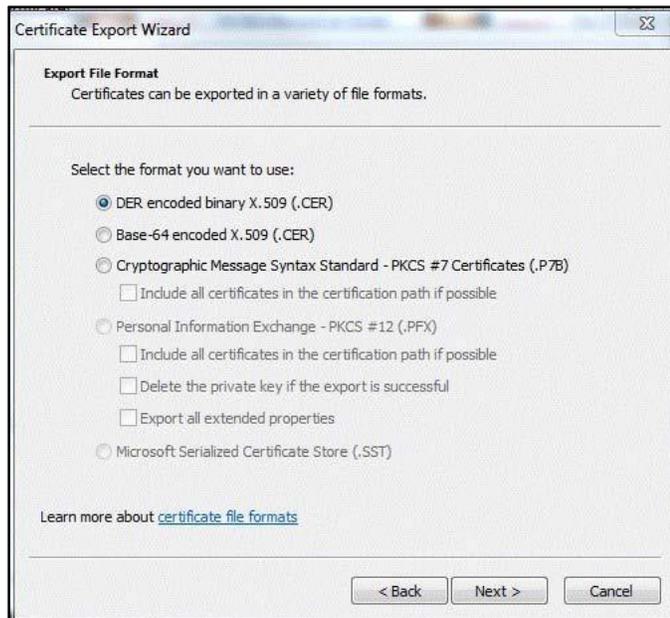
6. Click **Next**.



7. Click **Next**. The option **No, do not export the private key** should be selected by default.

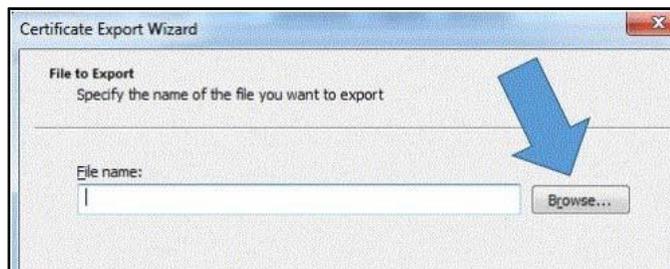


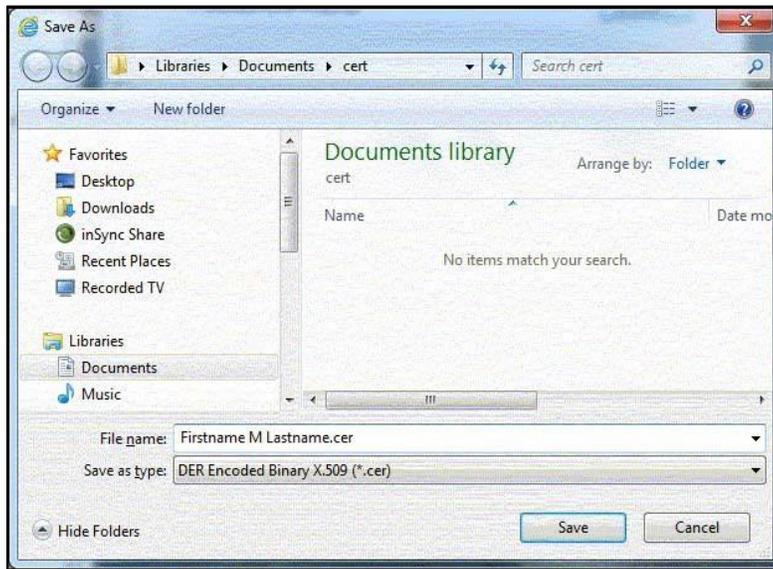
8. Select the DER (.CER) format **only**, and click **Next**.



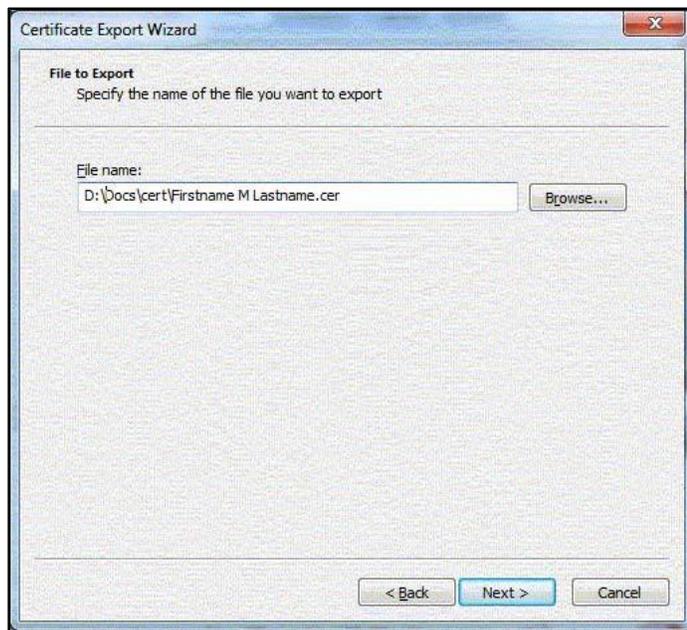
9. Save file as **Firstname M Lastname.cer** into your Desktop or Documents folder by selecting the **Browse** button and navigating to the location of your choice to save the file.

In the example below, it is being saved to a subfolder "cert" in Documents for safekeeping.





10. Click **Save**. It should look similar to this.



11. Click **Next**.

12. Click **Finish**; you should see a pop-up telling you that the export was successful.



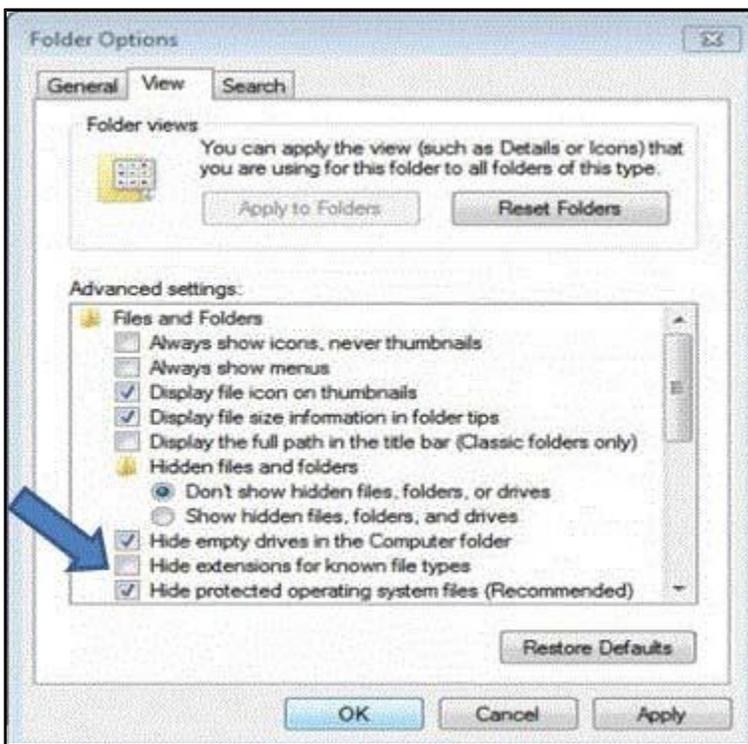
13. Due to the .cer extension name, it is necessary to have proper view settings on your computer in order to see the file in the following steps. To verify the setting, open the Control Panel from your Start Menu and click **Folder Options**.

Note

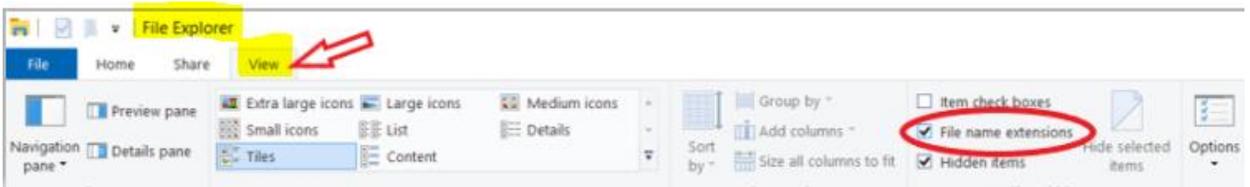
If Folder Options is not available, change your “view by” settings to **View by Large Icons** at the top right of the Control Panel.



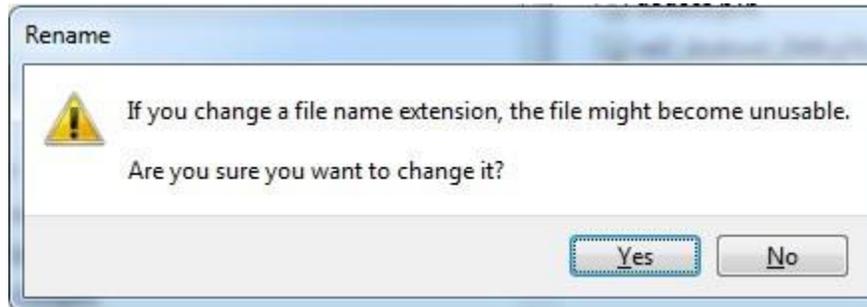
14. Select the **View** tab in the Folder Options window. Then, deselect **Hide extensions for known file types**.



You can also open Windows File Explorer > **View** to see file extensions. Add a check mark to **File name extension**.



15. Click **OK** to save the changes.
16. Navigate to the file that was saved in the previous step and rename the file. Change the .CER to .TXT. This is necessary because some e-mail systems deem this as a malicious file and will block it. You may get the following warning box; if so, click **Yes**.



17. E-mail the file to webmaster@linquest.com for processing.

8.2 Publish Certificates to the Global Address List (GAL)

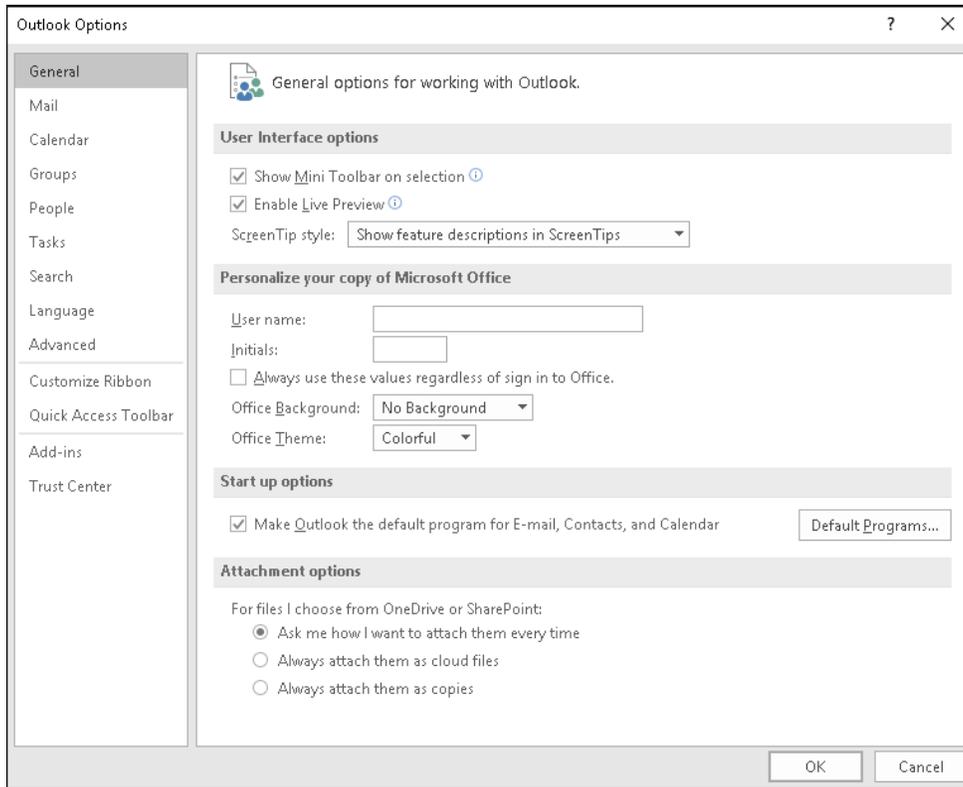
Once you have exported the certificate, you must upload this certificate to the GAL in Outlook in order to digitally sign and decrypt emails sent to you. If you have multiple Outlook accounts, you will not have the option to publish to GAL.

Warning

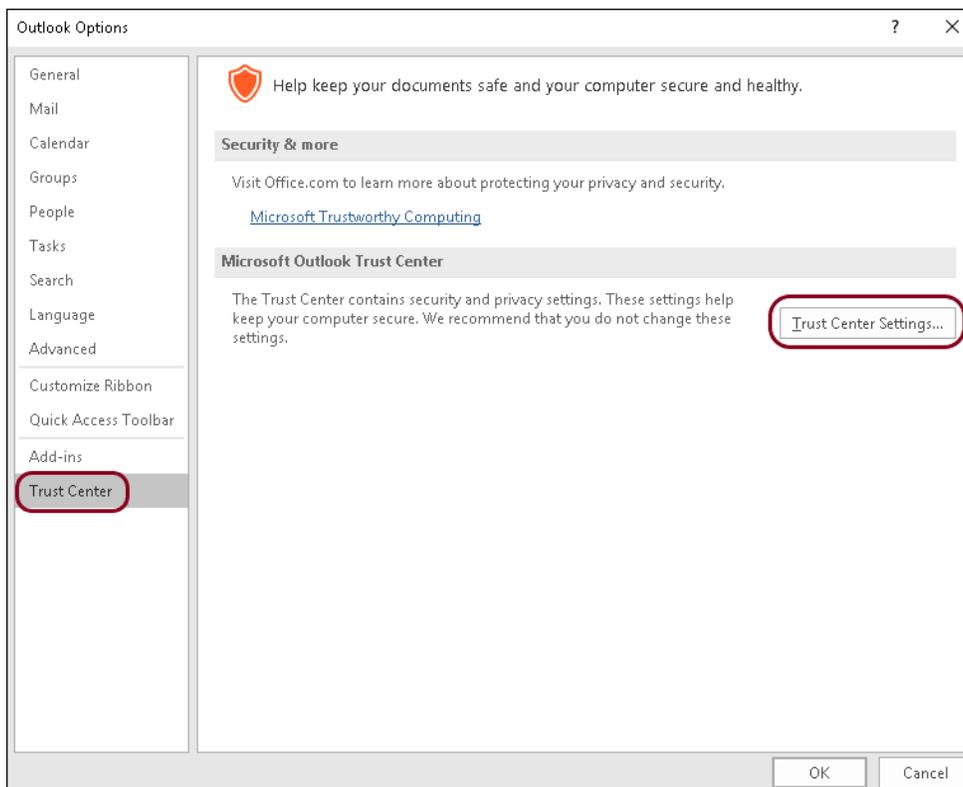
If for any reason you have updated the ECA certificate, and previously had your ECA certificate loaded in the GAL, then you need to contact IT to remove the old ECA certificate before loading the new one.

Follow the steps below:

1. In Outlook, go to **File > Options**.



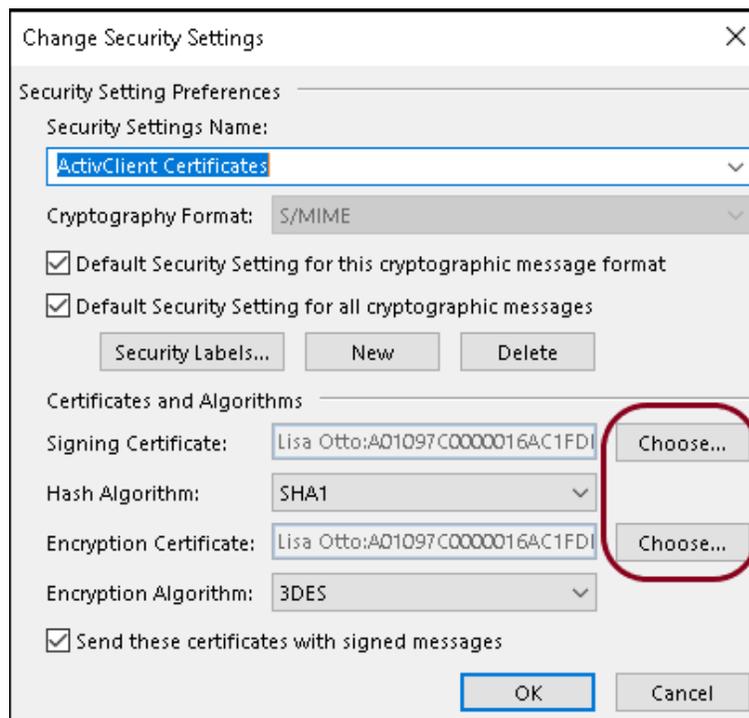
2. Click **Trust Center > Trust Center Settings**.



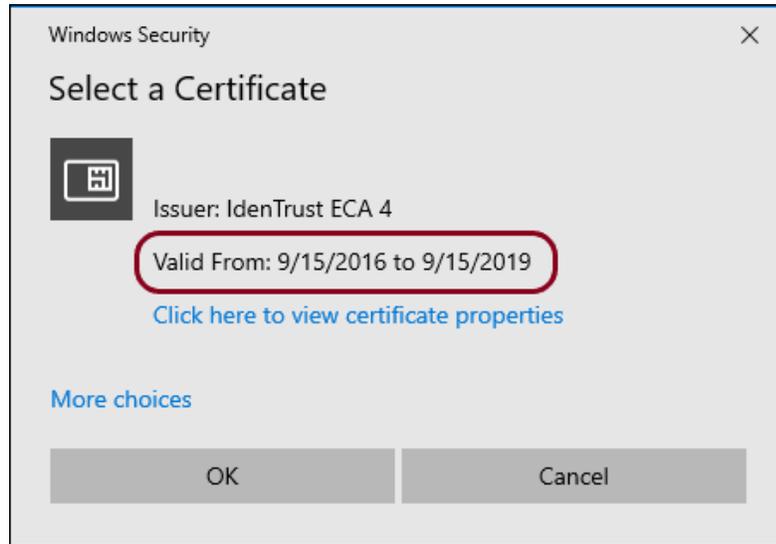
3. Click **Email Security**. In the Encrypted e-mail section, you must verify the Default Setting is correct. If you recently installed a new certificate, Outlook should default to the new cert. If you have previously had a certificate linked and have since updated it, you need to verify that you are linking to the updated cert. To do that, complete the following:
 - a. Next to the Default Settings droplist, click the **Settings** button.



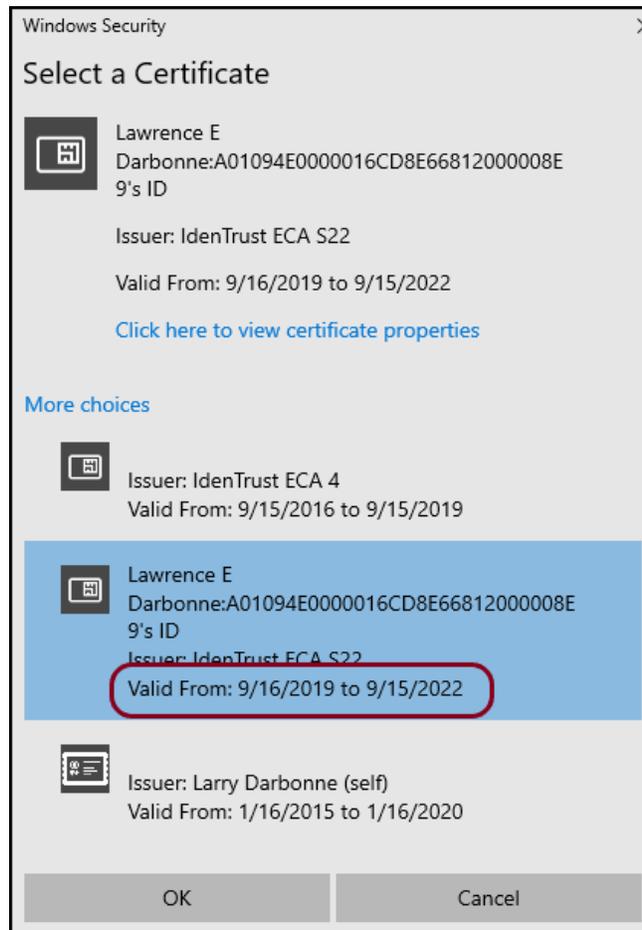
- b. You will need to verify the updated certificate for both the Signing Certificate and the Encryption Certificate. Click the **Choose** button.



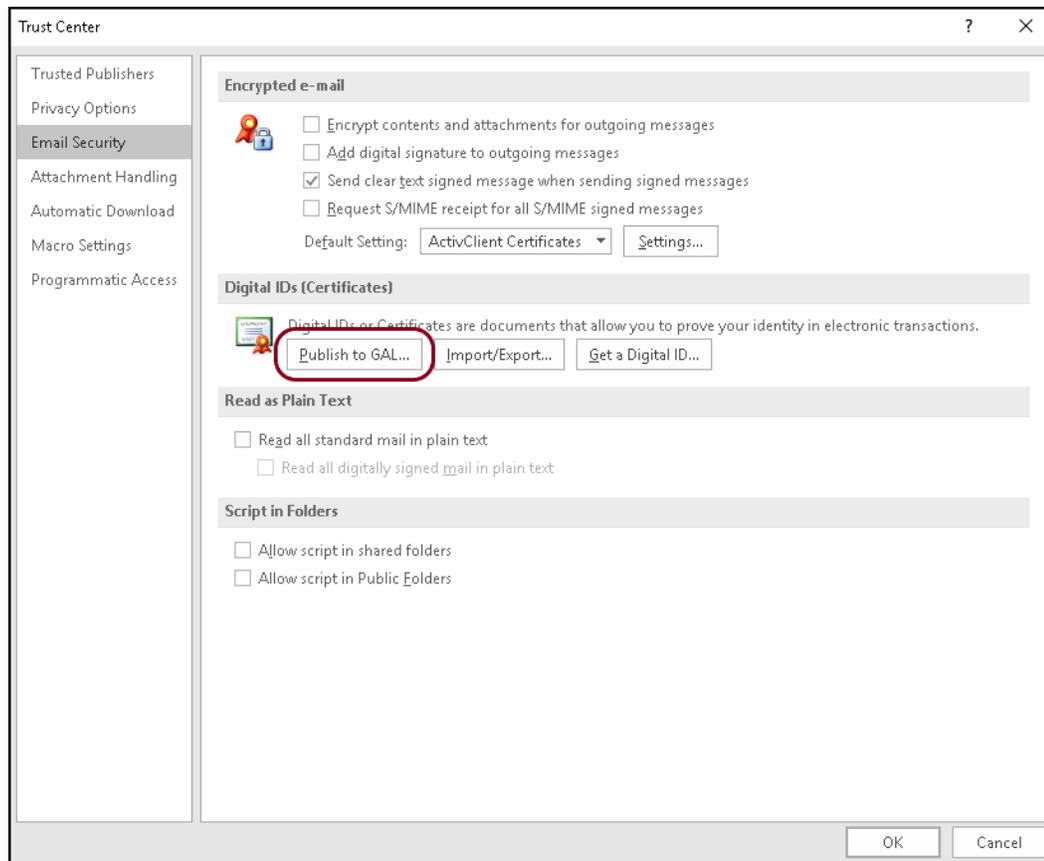
- c. You will see the certificate currently associated. This example shows an outdated cert linked to Outlook.



- d. If the cert is outdated, click **More choices**. You will see a list of certificates to choose from. Select the certificate with the updated dates.

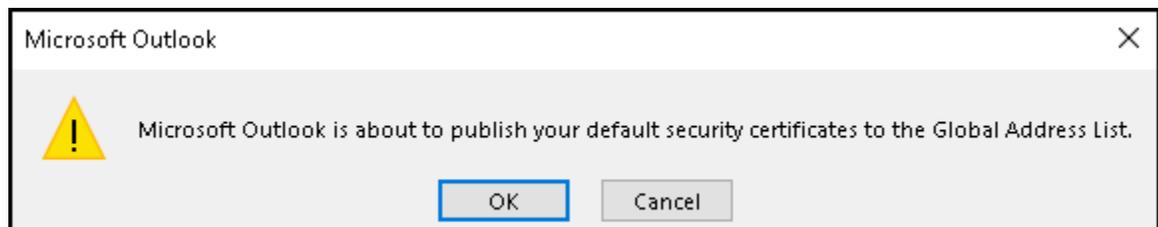


- e. Click **OK**. Remember to select the updated certificates for both the Signing and Encryption options. Once both options have been updated/verified, you can proceed to the next step.
4. Under Digital IDs (Certificates), click **Publish to GAL...**



For subcontractors using a newly issued LinQuest laptop, you may need to click the **Import/Export** button and import your new certificate to Outlook before you can publish to GAL. For questions or concerns, contact IT Support for assistance in completing the task.

5. You will see a message that Microsoft Outlook is about to publish your default security certificates. Click **OK**. This process can take a few minutes to complete.



6. Once the certificates are published, a success message appears.

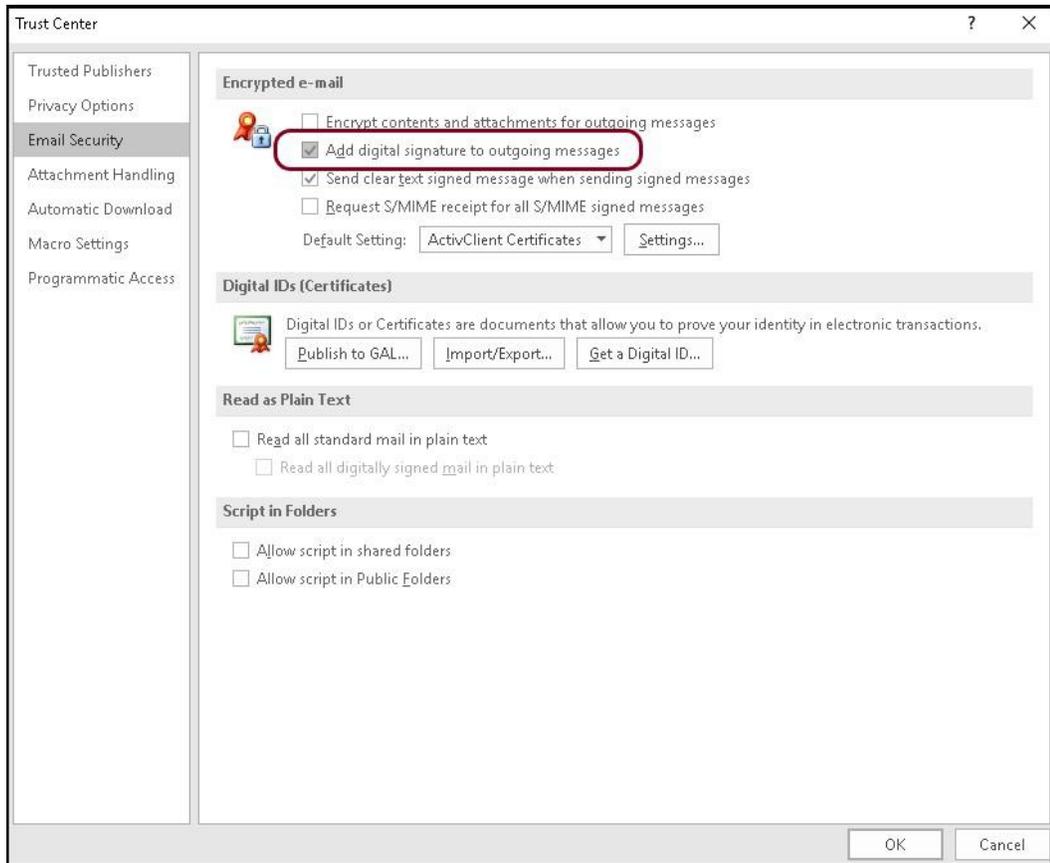


7. Once done, you can then set your certificate to send your public key and “sign” (add digital signature to outgoing messages option) each email by default. Signing essentially sends the public portion of your ECA certificate so that users may send you an encrypted email.

Note

If you have difficulty with this step, contact IT Support for assistance in completing the task.

8. You can choose to sign all emails by default, or select to sign each email individually. To set the email to sign by default, do the following:
 - a. In Outlook, click **File > Options**.
 - b. Click **Trust Center > Trust Center Settings**.
 - c. Click **Email Security**. Under Encrypted e-mail, select the **Add digital signature to outgoing messages** checkbox.



To individually sign emails, from the Outlook message, click **Options > Sign**.

