

# What is the difference between a Signing Stick and the Smartcard?

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The Signing Stick comes in the form of an USB Stick and needs that your USB port is activated.

The Smartcard comes in the form of a credit card and can be stocked in your purse:

the Smartcard needs a card reader which the Signing Stick does not need. Both certificates have a validity of 3 years and are equipped with an electronic chip containing a certificate for authentication and a certificate for electronic signature.

