

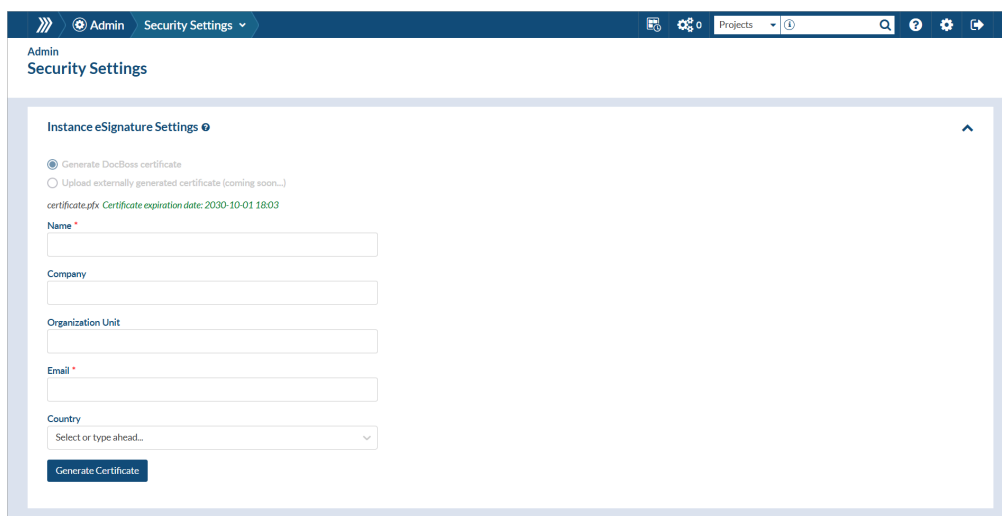
Generate (or upload) eSignature Certificates

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For Instance eSignature (no visible stamp)

This article explains the first step in the eSignature process.

Must be generated by an admin (+ security) user via **System Menu > Admin > Security Settings**



The screenshot shows the 'Admin Security Settings' page with the 'Instance eSignature Settings' sub-section active. It features two radio buttons: 'Generate DocBoss certificate' (selected) and 'Upload externally generated certificate (coming soon...)'. Below these is a text field for 'certificate.pfx' with a note 'Certificate expiration date: 2030-10-01 18:03'. There are input fields for 'Name', 'Company', 'Organization Unit', and 'Email', each with a red asterisk indicating a required field. A 'Country' dropdown menu is also present with the text 'Select or type ahead...'. At the bottom is a 'Generate Certificate' button.

Select whether you want DocBoss to generate a certificate for you, or if you will upload an externally generated certificate (by a certificate authority). Note that DocBoss is not a registered certificate authority, so if you are signing to satisfy a legal requirement, you should purchase/register your certificate with a registration body.

For most purposes (track if changes have been made to a file after submittal), the DocBoss certificate is sufficient.

Click **Generate Certificate**. The certificate is re-created, and the expiry date is set to 5 years from the generation day.

The stamp will be created using the instance name, and a generic eSignature icon.

User eSignatures (user applied stamp)

Navigate to User Profile > eSignature Settings

The Name and Email fields will be filled from the user profile information.

Company will default.

If you leave other fields empty, they will not be part of the certificate.

eSign Settings

- ☒ Generate DocBoss certificate
☐ Upload externally generated certificate

Name *


Company

Organization Unit

Email *

Country

No certificate yet...

 Generate certificate

For information on how to Set eSignature requirements per Doc Code (or card) (Step 2), see our article [here](#).

For information on Applying eSignatures to Outgoing Submittals (Step 3), see our article [here](#).

For information on Signing files with eSignature (User action) (Step 4), see our article [here](#).
