

eKey 2.0 — Bahrain's AI-Driven Digital Identity and eKYC Platform

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Bahrain's iGA relaunched eKey 2.0 on 9 February 2025, adding AI facial-recognition eKYC and passwordless biometric login for government and private services. Registrations passed 13,000 within one day; the platform won a Digital Identity Innovation Award in July 2026.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[Information & eGovernment Authority \(iGA\), in partnership with Beyon Connect](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[iGA Bahrain: More than 13,000 registrations for eKey 2.0 within one day](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[Biometric Update: Bahrain's digital govt gets boost with enhanced eKey system](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

[iGA Bahrain: eKey 2.0 wins Digital Identity Innovation Award 2026](#) — accessed 2026-08-22

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