

Definition: Signed PDF and Unsigned PDF

When a document is signed electronically, the electronic signature, or e-signature, does not appear on the document. Rather, it is a digital process that a trusted third party applies to the document as a whole. To check that a document has been e-signed with Adobe Reader, download the document to your computer and open it in Adobe Reader.

⇒ The e-signature is valid

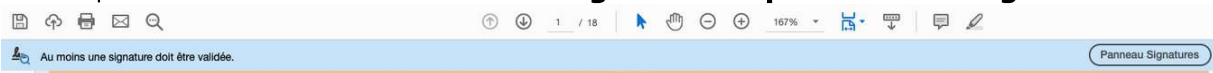
At the top of the PDF you will see a blue banner stating that the document is “signed and all signatures are valid”.



Click on the **Signature panel** on the right of the banner to see all the details of the certificate: validity, authenticity, integrity, etc.

⇒ The e-signature is not valid

If the document has been modified since it was e-signed or the e-signature has not been validated, the blue banner at the top of the PDF will read: “**At least one signature requires validating**”.



⇒ Signature fields

Click on the **visual signatures** in the signature fields at the end of the document to bring up the signature validation status.



A green tick means:

- the signature is valid, and the trusted third party that provided the electronic certificate is indicated, in this instance Docapost BPO;
- the documents have not been modified since this signature was affixed;
- the signer’s identity is valid.