



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

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**SEVISWALLET APP PILOTS BANK ACCOUNT
OPENING**

I am pleased to announce that the Government has in partnership with MiBank, commenced the pilot of **digital bank account opening within the SevisWallet App**. This initiative gives practical effect to the National Digital Identity Policy 2025, as a core component of our national Digital Public Infrastructure.

Through this pilot, citizens can now enrol for SevisPass, complete secure identity verification, and open a MiBank account - all within the SevisWallet App and in under ten minutes. This marks a huge leap in our addressing financial inclusion objectives in Papua New Guinea.

It is estimated that 40-45% of adults in Papua New Guinea remain unbanked, particularly in rural and informal sectors. Distance, documentation requirements, and onboarding delays continue to present barriers. By integrating digital identity verification into account opening, we are:

- Streamlining eKYC processes
- Strengthening AML/CTF compliance
- Reducing onboarding costs
- Removing unnecessary access barriers

This initiative supports greater participation in the formal financial sector and strengthens economic empowerment for our people. In parallel, the Ministry is progressing the following:

- Digitisation of the CPA Membership Card
- Digitisation of the Nasfund Membership Card
- Rollout of the Public Service Digital ID Card
- Online Electoral Roll Enrolment and updates

These initiatives reinforce our commitment to building secure, interoperable, and citizen-centric digital public infrastructure.

The Marape–Rosso Government remains committed to accelerating digital transformation, AI adoption, strengthening financial inclusion, and delivering trusted, sovereign digital systems that improve service access and economic opportunity for our people.

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