

AIT User Guide to MFA

AIT implements Multifactor Authentication (MFA) for all staff/student accounts. This document is a guide to staff/students on how to register for and manage MFA.

Note: Your Staff/student account has to be “enabled” for MFA by Computer Services before you can set it up for MFA.

Once “enabled”, your access to Office 365 will not be possible until you “Set Up” your account for MFA. You will be prompted to do so when you try to access Office 365.

Section 1 - Available MFA options

Users can choose any of the following MFA options:

1. Receiving a call (recorded message) to a mobile or landline phone (note you must have access to the phone if logging into Office 365 when off-campus)
2. Receiving a text (note you must have access to the phone if logging into Office 365 when off-campus)
3. when off-campus)
4. Using a smartphone app known as the Microsoft Authenticator app (note that a phone number must also be provided as a backup method). The app has 2 methods of MFA (you can choose either):
 - a. Get a notification via the app
 - b. Enter a 6 digit code from the app

If you wish to use the authenticator app – follow the instructions in Section 3

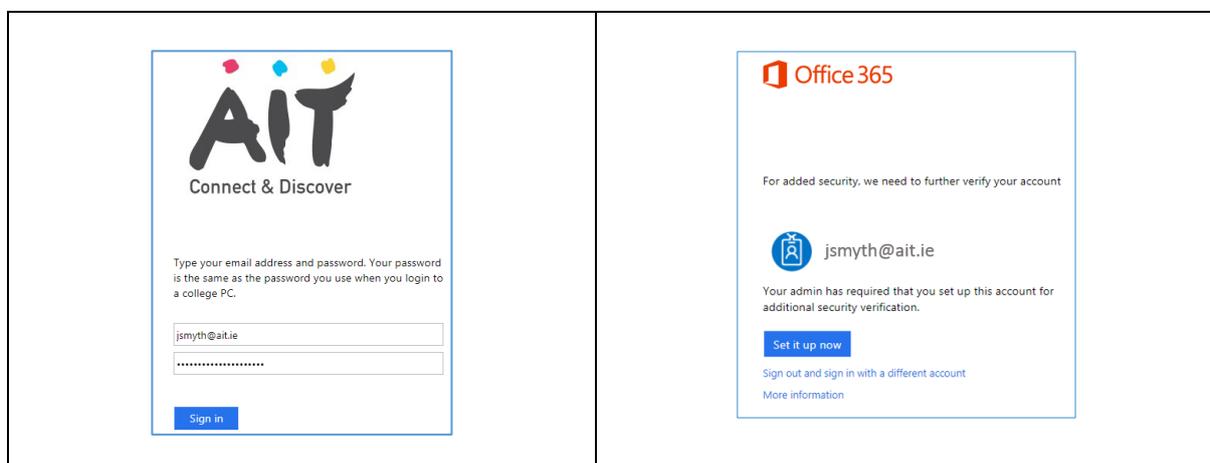
Section 2 - Setting up MFA using a phone call or a text message

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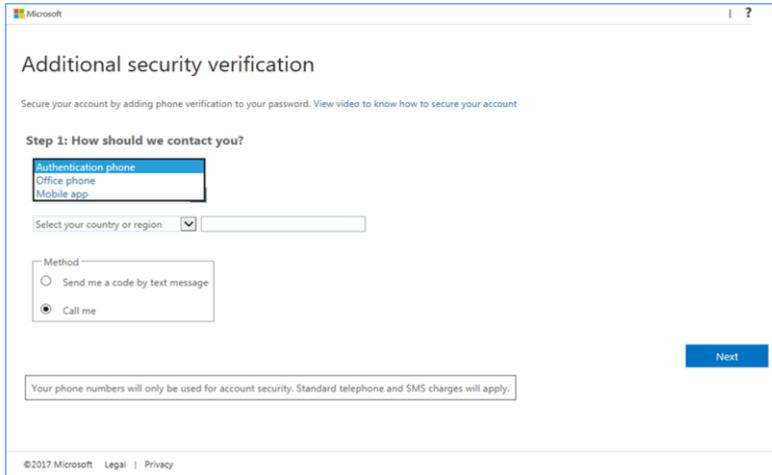
Setup Process

Click the “Office 365 Portal” link under Quicklinks on the AIT website. Enter user credentials as normal (as below). **Click Sign In.**

The window on the right (below) appears. Click **Set it up now.**



The screen as below appears.



The screenshot shows a Microsoft account security page titled "Additional security verification". It instructs the user to secure their account by adding phone verification. The current step is "Step 1: How should we contact you?". There are three options for authentication: "Authentication phone" (highlighted with a blue box), "Office phone", and "Mobile app". Below these is a dropdown menu to "Select your country or region". Under the "Method" section, there are two radio buttons: "Send me a code by text message" and "Call me" (which is selected). A blue "Next" button is located at the bottom right. A disclaimer at the bottom states: "Your phone numbers will only be used for account security. Standard telephone and SMS charges will apply." The footer includes "©2017 Microsoft | Legal | Privacy".

Select preferred method of contact (i.e. authentication phone).

Select "Send me a code by text message" or "Call me".

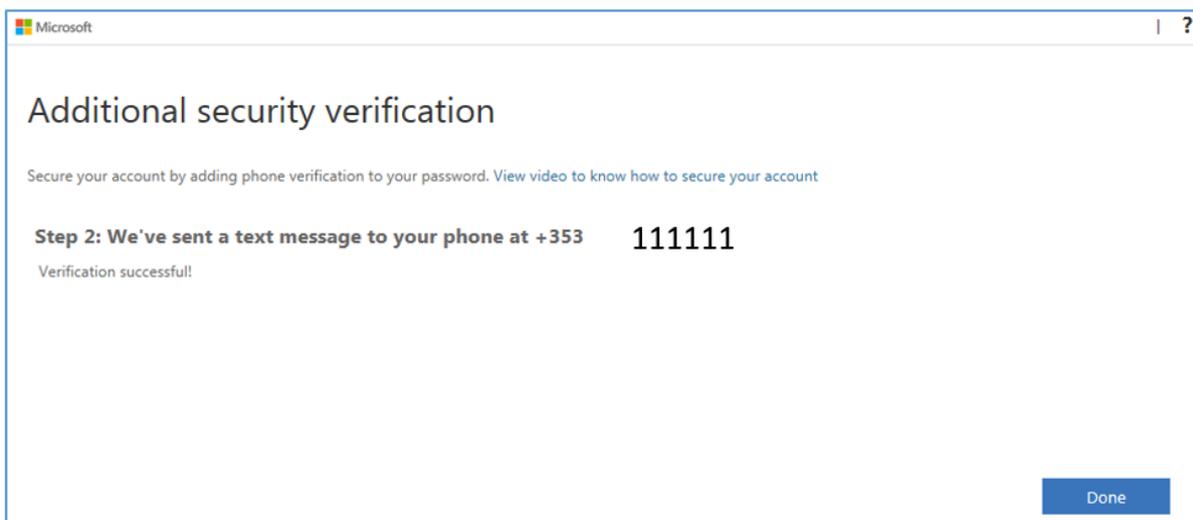
Click **Next**.

Note: the above screen states that phone numbers will only be used for account security. This is the case and any numbers entered are not visible to any AIT staff/students (including technical staff/students). Please also note that no charges for calls or text messages are incurred by the user.

In the case of a call, the user will hear a recorded message. The user must press the hash key (#) on the phone to proceed with the authentication.

In the case of a text, the user will receive a 6 digit code via text message. The user must enter this code to proceed with the authentication.

Once this is done, the message below will appear. Click **Done**.



The screenshot shows the same "Additional security verification" page, but now at "Step 2: We've sent a text message to your phone at +353 111111". Below this, it says "Verification successful!". A blue "Done" button is located at the bottom right. The rest of the page content is identical to the previous screenshot.

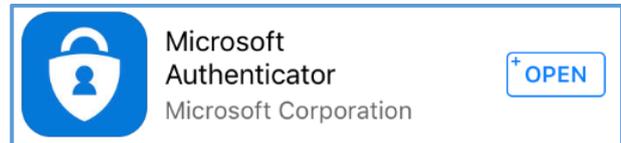
Section 3 - How to switch to & use the Authenticator App for MFA

Assumptions

User will use their smart phone, when required, for MFA.

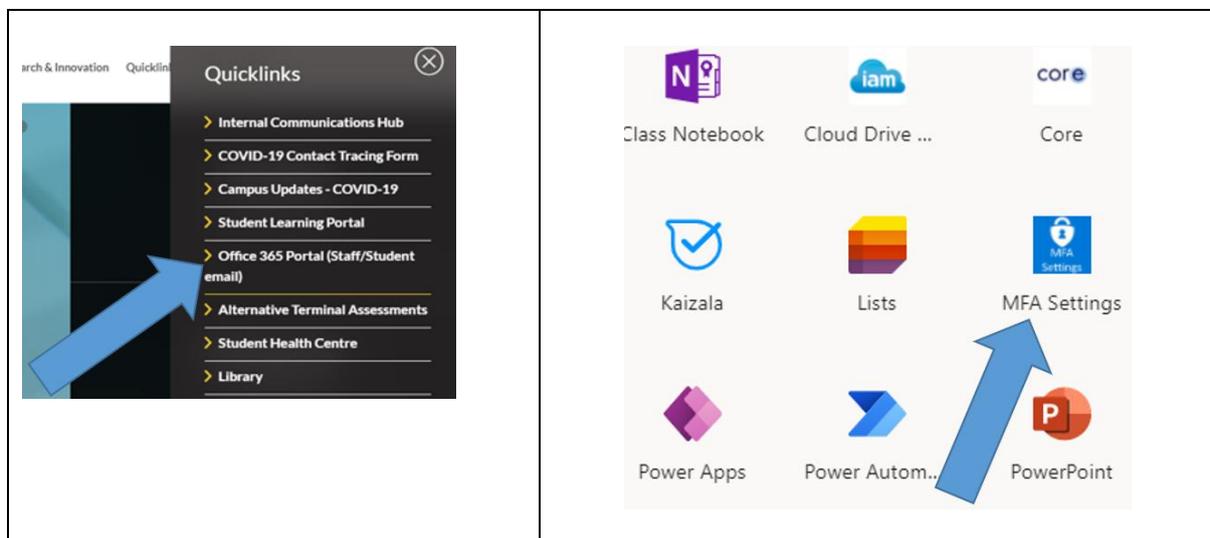
Prerequisites:

1. Download the Microsoft Authenticator app from the App Store or the Play Store.
2. If/when prompted, allow the app to send you notifications (to alert you when MFA is required i.e. when you are signing in).
3. If/when prompted, allow the app to have access to your camera (to scan a QR code).
4. If you are registering for MFA for the first time, it is best to do so when you have a good Wi-Fi signal – if you are simply changing your MFA option (e.g. from a text message or phone call to using the authenticator app, Wi-Fi is not necessary).
5. Instructions for adding your account to the App are included below.



Changing you MFA option to use the Authenticator App

1. Login to <https://office.com/apps> or click on the Quicklinks link to the Office 365 Portal (see below, left).
2. Find and click “MFA Settings” in the All Apps section



3. If you are challenged with MFA, authenticate as normal.
4. The screen below will appear.
5. From the drop down list, there are 2 options for using the app as follows (see image below):
 - a. Notify me through the app – an easy option but this wont work with the AIT VPN (when MFA is enforced for VPN access, Q1 2021). If you don't use the VPN you can use this option.
 - b. Use verification code from app or token – also an easy option, similar to the text message option.

Additional security verification

When you sign in with your password, you are also required to respond from a registered device. This makes it harder for a hacker to sign in with just a stolen password. [View video to know how to secure your account](#)

what's your preferred option?

We'll use this verification option by default.

Call my authentication phone ▼

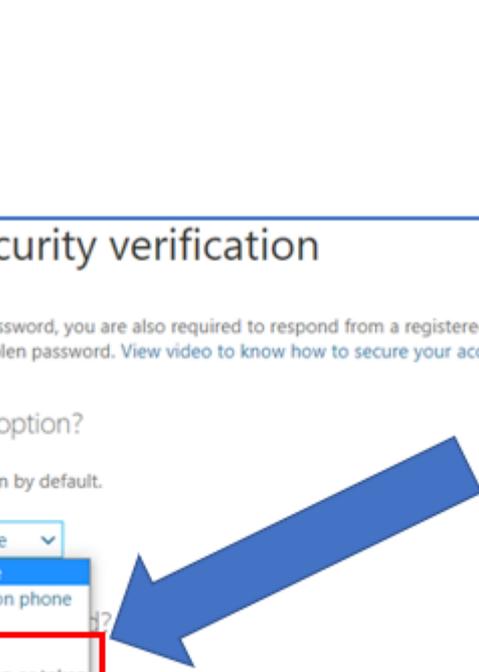
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You will receive a notification (as shown in red text below).

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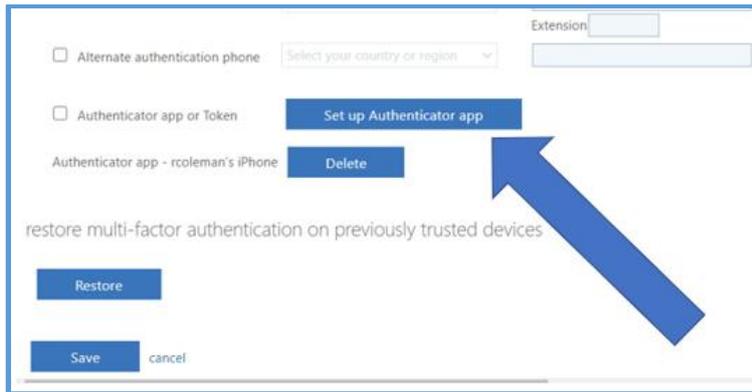
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Microsoft Authenticator app option must be enabled and configured to select this preferred verification option.

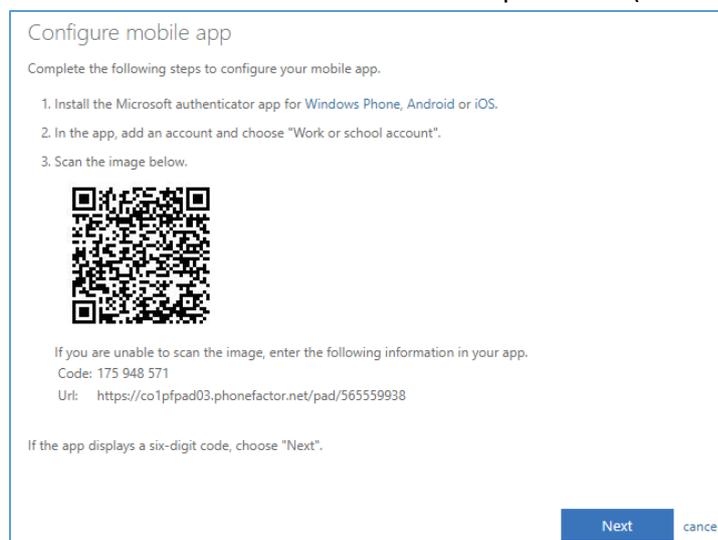
Click "Set up Authenticator App" (as shown below).

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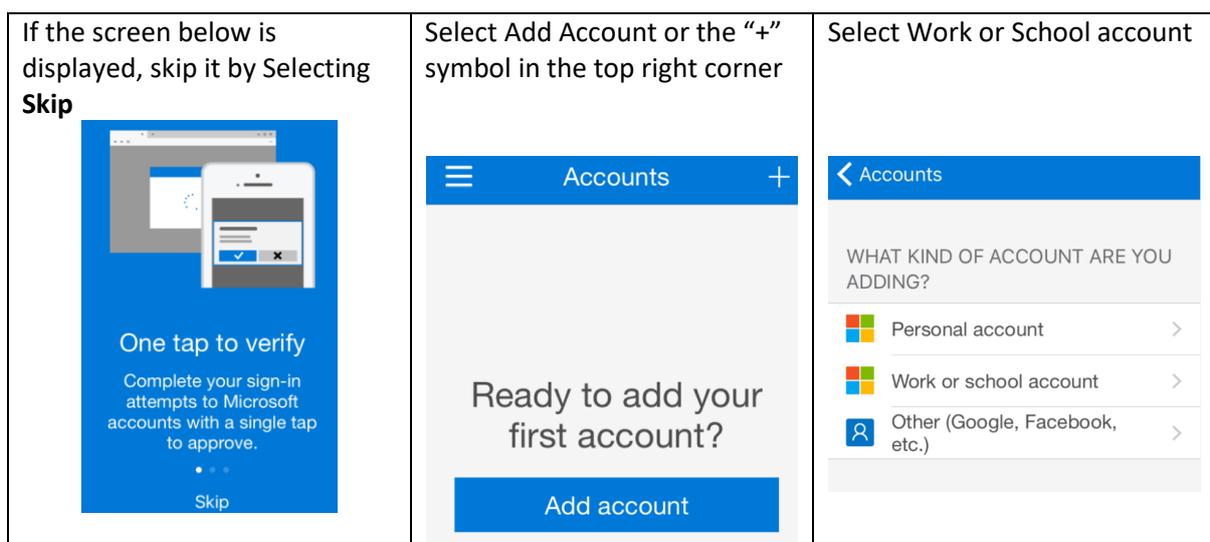
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4. A window with a QR code will be presented (as below)



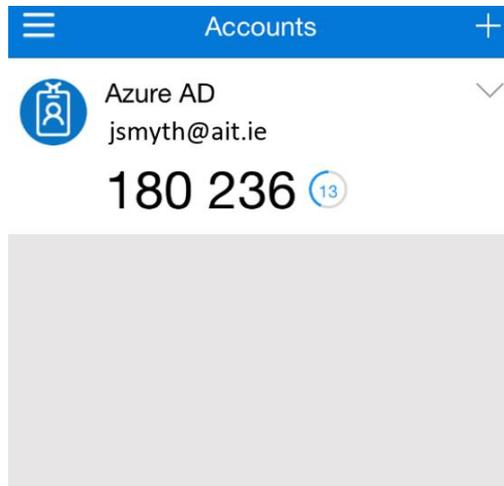
5. Open the Authenticator app on your smartphone.



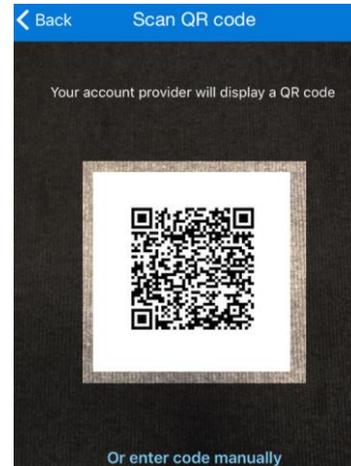
6. The app should now open your Camera (if asked to allow access to your camera, click **allow**).

7. Hold the smartphone camera up to the QR code (the black and white square) that is displayed on the computer screen.

The app will automatically register your AIT staff or student account (as shown below).



If automatic registration does not work click "Or enter code manually" (see below) and follow the instructions from there



8. Once registered, the screen below will appear. Click Save

how would you like to respond?

Set up one or more of these options. [Learn more](#)

Authentication phone

Office phone

Alternative authentication phone

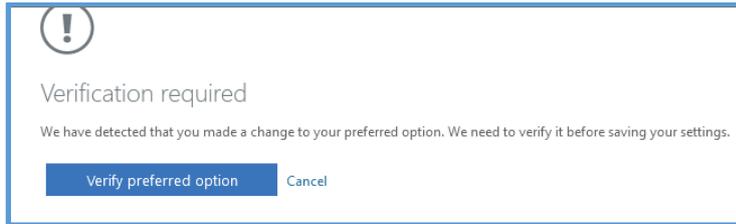
Authenticator app or Token

Authenticator app - iPhone

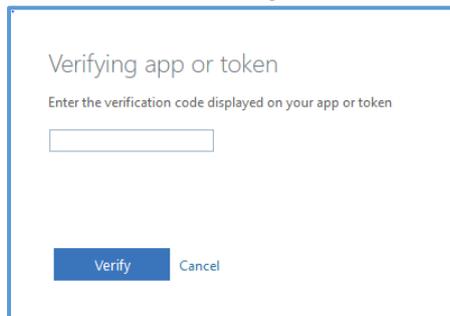
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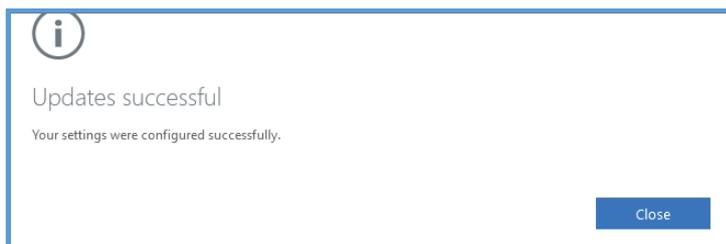
9. You will be required to verify your preferred option – see below.



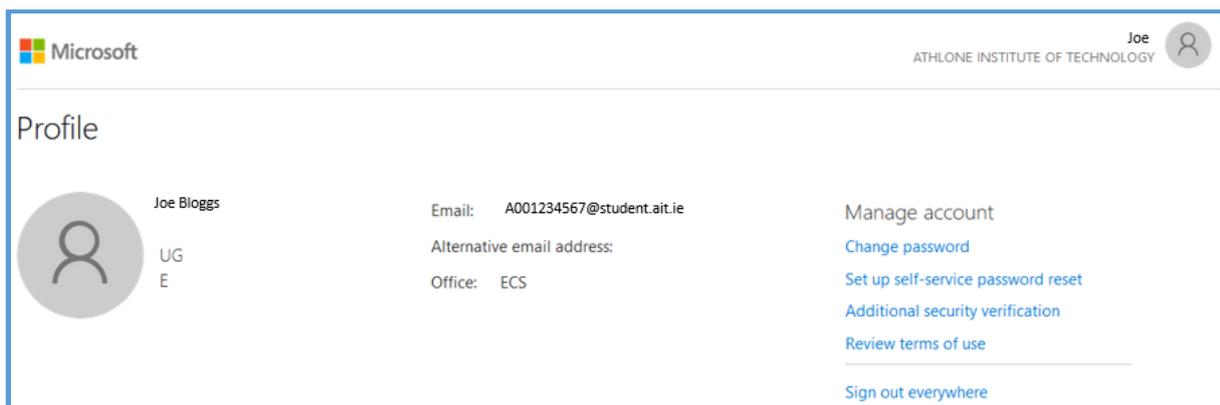
10. Enter the 6 digit code that is displayed in the authenticator app.



11. Click Verify. You will be advised that the update was successful.

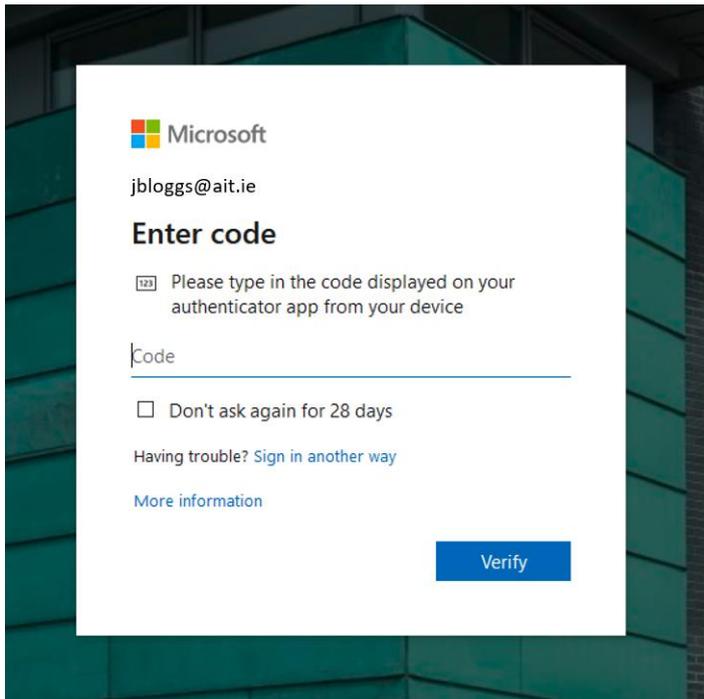


12. Click close. The screen below will appear. The process is now complete.



Using the App for MFA authentication

When signing in, using the app is very straightforward and very similar to the text message option. Simply open the app and enter the 6 digit code displayed on the app. Note that the code changes every 30 seconds.



What do I do if I lose my phone?

Log a call to the Helpdesk and advise that your phone is lost. CSD can set your account so that you can re-register for MFA.