MOHAWK NATION OF GRAND RIVER SECRETARIAT

Certificate of the record

How to Check a Document of the Nation
POS001-261028-000018 · version 1 · A draft — not yet for use

WHAT IT IS

A specimen certificate taken apart, part by part; the Record Code in its three blocks; the four standings; and the three ways to check, from the quickest to the most thorough, with how far to go for each. On the web the certificate unrolls, a phone reads its Edge Mark, and a box tests any code's shape and sends it to the Register's own check page.

Its date	2026-10-27al
Made by	Mohawk's Printer for Grand River
Their qualifications	Drawn by Mohawk's Printer for Grand River from the National Books' own data; Book XXII, The Verifier's Handbook shows it on a page of its own.
Their duty	Not recorded.
Its standing as a survey	This is the Nation's determination, made from the sources named; it is not a survey under the Surveyors Act, and was not prepared by a licensed surveyor.
Datum and projection	Not a map; the Three Villages' inset keeps the land map's datum (NAD83 / UTM zone 17N).
Scale	
Its certificate	

HOW IT WAS MADE

An illustration, drawn from the sources below; printed in A3 landscape (420 × 297 mm), with A2 and A1 print files, 3 mm bleed and crop marks.

HOW SURELY

An illustration, not a survey: the figures stand for no particular family. The Three Villages' inset is the Register's own land map, drawn from its layers.

A poster: it teaches, and does not decide. The record of any person's line is the Register's.

ITS SOURCES

1. The Verifier's Handbook, Book XXII — Mohawk Nation of Grand River Secretariat, 2026; the Nation's own
2. The Edge Mark, Book XXIV — Mohawk Nation of Grand River Secretariat, 2026; the Nation's own

3. OpenTimestamps — opentimestamps.org; open
4. ICAO Doc 9303 and the ICAO Public Key Directory — ICAO; cited for the comparison

WHAT IT CARRIES

□ A title · □ Its maker · □ Its date · □ A scale bar · □ A scale ratio (1 : n) · □ North · □ A legend · □ Its datum and projection · □ Its sources, with their dates · □ A statement of its accuracy · □ A locator (where it is in the wider world) · □ Its credits and licences

ITS FILES, AND THEIR FINGERPRINTS (SHA-256)

The picture	poster-how-to-check.webp 4a6b89a18687ee1f9de9a2f3c11f37b347ce3789fd73de51e74926bee1b7b837
The print (PDF)	poster-how-to-check.pdf bcc72065f84bc84d0fc5de6b703881f96417ef024da0ab913b69e3bd43b4f3c2

ITS ENTRIES IN THE INTEGRITY LOG, AND THEIR TIMESTAMPS

Entry 32, 2026-11-08 04:16:51 UTC	Its file replaced before certification: the poster as the plugin now carries it f3a8783fa1fbf48f5b4f623bd6c3d77c5862b81f6ad22ef44d2193596a1e3ec7 Timestamped by timestamp.digicert.com at 2026-11-08 04:16:55 UTC (RFC 3161)

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Signed with the Register’s own key — a change after signing shows, but readers’ software will call the signer unverified until a certificate from a recognised authority is loaded. Key fingerprint (SHA-256): d2a5851e021234100a59dd9afbb4898bf85e2f78f5fb9a3f98e51e147ca748ca. The independent timestamps may be downloaded from the record’s page and checked with standard tools. Whether a record is admitted, and its weight, are for the court.

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How to Check a Document of the Nation

The proof travels with the paper: check it yourself, in a minute, without asking the Nation.

For a bank, a school, a border, a police service or a court · From Book XXVI of the National Books, The Verifier's Handbook

THE DOCUMENT, PART BY PART



1. The Seal: the Nation's emblem, from its master artwork, never redrawn. Only the Secretariat applies it to an official act.
2. The Record Code: one identifier in three blocks, in a face where a 0 is never an O.
3. The standing today: in force, expired, suspended or revoked. Shown by /verify/, never by the paper alone.
4. The fingerprint: a SHA-256 hash of the content. Change one letter and it changes completely.
5. The Edge Mark: a rail of notches in two inks, the first party's signature and the Registry's, with its check address beneath.

THE RECORD CODE

RGF001-261026-000001

FAMILY	YYMMDD	NNNNNN
the kind of record	the day it was made	its number that day

One scheme for everything: every record of the Nation has one Record Code and no other number. A code in any other shape is not the Nation's.

THE FOUR STANDINGS

- **In force**
- **Expired**
- **Suspended**
- **Revoked**

Only /verify/ tells you the standing. A credential revoked an hour ago shows as revoked now. The paper cannot know.

A Nation document is never proven by its look alone. Paper can be copied; its standing and its signatures cannot.

THREE WAYS TO CHECK, FROM THE QUICKEST TO THE MOST THOROUGH

1 By its Record Code

`/verify/`

- Type the code exactly as printed.
- Read what the document is, and its standing today.
- Compare the name and details with the paper.

Low reliance: a form, a letter

2 By its Edge Mark

`/edge-scan/`, on any phone

- Hold the phone over the rail of notches.
- It reads them, fetches the signatures, and checks each with the signer's own key.
- Green tick: genuine and in force. Red cross: altered or not genuine.



Ordinary reliance: an ID, a certificate

3 By its Ledger entry

`/ledger/`, anchored in Bitcoin

- Search the Ledger by the code.
- Read each step in the document's life, with its fingerprint.
- Check the day's anchor with any OpenTimestamps tool.

High reliance: court, border, money

The specimen is a specimen: the name, the code and the marks are drawn for the poster. The red flags, the words used and how the Nation's checks compare are in The Verifier's Handbook, Book XXVI; the Edge Mark itself is Book XXVIII.

Sources: The Verifier's Handbook (Book XXVI), The Edge Mark (Book XXVIII) and Signing, Keys and the Ledger (Book XXVII) of the National Books; the Register's check page, scanner and Ledger at mohawkuniversity.org/Register; the Edge Marks module of the Register suite; OpenTimestamps (opentimestamps.org); ICAO Doc 9303 and the ICAO Public Key Directory, for the comparison.

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