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The Partner's Handbook

For businesses, media, institutions and nations working with the Nation: what a partner may do, how to become one, what is asked, and worked cases.

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SECTION 1

Working with the Nation

Who this book is for, and what a partner can expect.

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PARTNERS

This book is for those who work with the Mohawk Nation of Grand River from outside it: businesses that accept its documents or its currency, media that report on it, institutions that exchange records with it, and nations that deal with it. It says what the Nation offers a partner, what it asks in return, and where in the other books each matter is set out in full.

A partner may	How	Book
Check any document the Nation issues	At /verify/, or by scanning its Edge Mark	XXII, XXIV
Accept the Grand River dollar	By QR code, with a signed receipt	XIX
Use the Nation’s marks correctly	The Brand Guide, and the partner’s lock-up	XXIX
Agree terms with the Nation	A contract in the Nation’s form, with its Record Code	XXI
Exchange records	Under the Nation’s privacy rules, by agreement	XIII
Report on the Nation	With the press office, under the Style Book	XXVII, XXX
Deal as a nation, or a nation’s office	By the Nation’s protocol	IV

SECTION 2

Becoming a partner

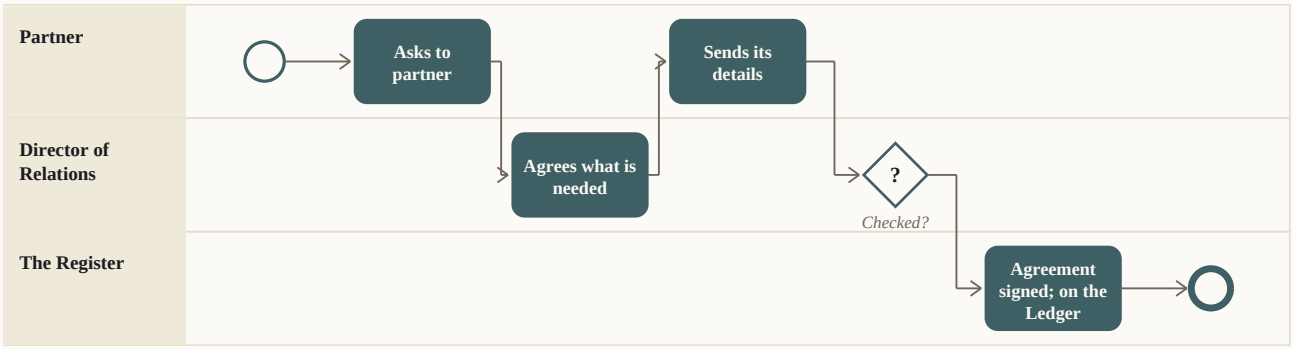
From first contact to a signed agreement.

The tiers are proposed: for the Nation to adopt by its Gazette.

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ONBOARDING

How to read the diagram: each row is one party — the partner, the Director of Relations, and the Register. Follow a partnership left to right; the diamond is the Director’s check that the partner is who it says it is, and that the agreement fits the Nation’s rules.



Tier (proposed)	For	What it brings
Verifier	Anyone who checks the Nation’s documents	Free use of /verify/ and the scanner
Merchant	Businesses that accept the Grand River dollar	QR payments, signed receipts, a listing in the directory
Records partner	Institutions exchanging records	A data-sharing agreement, and an auditable record of every exchange
Nation partner	Other nations and their offices	The Nation’s protocol; keys pinned for mutual verification

SECTION 3

The partner’s obligations

What the Nation asks of every partner.

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OBLIGATIONS

Obligation	Why
Check a document before relying on it	A document’s standing can change; /verify/ always gives the current answer
Use the Nation’s marks as the Brand Guide sets them	The marks are the Nation’s, and are not altered
Keep the Nation’s records as agreed, and no longer	Privacy is the person’s, not the partner’s
Use the Nation’s words for the Nation’s positions	No “stakeholder”, no “traditional territory” — the Style Book applies
Report a suspected false document	To Inspection, at once, with the Record Code and what was seen; a partner does not keep the document or confront the bearer

RULE A partnership is recorded on the Register, with its Record Code. Either side may end it on notice; the record of it stays.

SECTION 4

Worked cases

Three partners, three kinds of work.

Illustrations.

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CASES

A café accepting the dollar	
Joins as	Merchant
Does	Shows the QR code at the till; the customer pays in Grand River dollars; the signed receipt prints
Checks	The receipt’s Record Code, for any dispute
A college checking a passport	
Joins as	Verifier
Does	Scans the passport’s Edge Mark; the scanner shows “Genuine and in force”
If in doubt	Checks /verify/ by Record Code; reports anything false to Inspection
Another nation’s registry	
Joins as	Nation partner
Does	Pins the Nation’s public keys; checks the Nation’s credentials offline
Records	Each exchange entered on both registers

SECTION 5

The agreement, marked up

What a partner signs, clause by clause.

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THE AGREEMENT

An agreement with the Nation is short, in plain words, and on the Register. This specimen is for a merchant that accepts the Grand River dollar; the others differ only in clauses 1 and 2.

How to read the template: on the left, the specimen as a partner would see it; each red number marks a clause or part. On the right, what each is for.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 1

Between the Mohawk Nation of Grand River 2

and [the Partner]

Record Code: issued on signing 3

1. The Partner will accept the Grand River dollar. 4

2. The Nation will list the Partner in its directory. 5

3. Each keeps the other’s records as agreed, 6

and no longer than needed.

4. The Nation’s marks are used as the Brand 7

Guide sets them.

5. Either may end this on 30 days’ notice. 8

6. A disagreement is put in writing and 9

answered within 14 days.

Signed _____ Signed _____ 10

1. The document’s name, in plain words
2. The parties, by their registered names
3. Its own Record Code: the agreement is on the Register
4. What the Partner does, in one sentence
5. What the Nation does in return
6. How records are kept, and for how long (Book XIII)
7. How the marks are used (Book XXIX)
8. How it ends: on notice, with the record kept — the notice period is proposed
9. How a disagreement is answered: in writing, within 14 days
10. Signed by both, and entered on the Ledger

An agreement never	Why
Asks a partner to endorse the Nation’s positions	A partner checks documents and takes payment; it is not asked to agree with anyone
Waives either side’s position	Nothing in a business agreement settles a question of law
Makes a partner exclusive	Any partner may deal with others, unless it chooses otherwise in writing
Hides records from the Register	Every agreement is a record, with its Record Code, and on the Ledger

RULE The agreement is recorded on the Register and fingerprinted on the Ledger. Either party can show it, and neither can quietly change it.

SECTION 6

Standing, suspension and ending

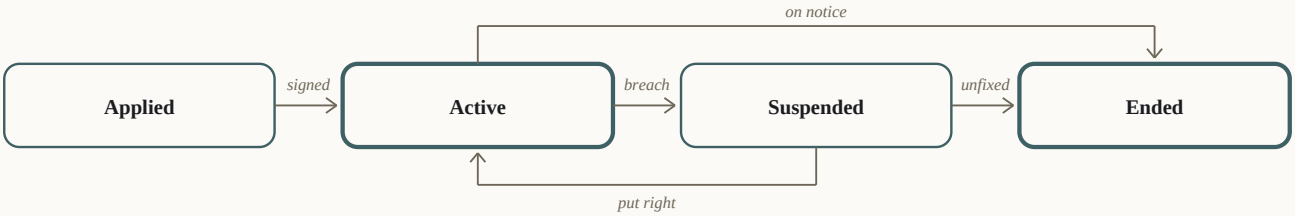
How a partnership can change, and what to do when something is wrong.

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STANDING

How to read the diagram: each box is a standing a partnership can be in — Applied, Active, Suspended or Ended — and each arrow is what moves it from one to the next: a breach is a reported breach; unfixed means it was not put right.



Standing	What it means	What the partner can do
Applied	The request is with the Director of Relations	Nothing yet: no use of the Nation’s marks
Active	The agreement is signed and on the Ledger	Everything the agreement allows
Suspended	A breach is reported; the partner is told in writing	Nothing new; existing customers are looked after
Ended	By notice, or when a breach is not put right	Keep a copy of the agreement; the Nation keeps its record

A partner who meets a document it thinks is false follows five steps, in this order:

	Step
1	Note the Record Code, and what was seen: where, when, and what looked wrong
2	Do not accuse the bearer, and do not keep the document
3	Check it at /verify/: a document’s standing may simply have changed
4	Report it to Inspection, with the Record Code and what was seen
5	Inspection answers in writing; the report is itself a record

RULE A partner never has to decide whether a document is false: it reports, and Inspection decides. Nothing in this handbook asks a partner to hold anyone’s documents, or to confront them.

SECTION 7

How we compare, and hard questions

Benchmarks and answers.

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BENCHMARKS

How we compare

Benchmark	What they do	What the Nation does
Estonia’s X-Road	Member organizations exchange data by agreement, every exchange logged	Records partners by agreement; every exchange on the Ledger
The EU’s eIDAS trust framework	Documents checked across borders against published trust lists	The Nation’s keys published for partners to pin
ICAO’s Public Key Directory	Passport signing keys shared among states for checking	Nation partners pin the Nation’s keys

Questions an expert or critic would ask

Does partnering with the Nation commit a business to its positions?
No. A partner checks documents and accepts payment; it is not asked to endorse anything.

Is the Grand River dollar safe to accept?
Every payment is signed and on the Ledger; Book XIX sets out its standards and proofs.

What if the Nation’s position changes a partner’s obligations elsewhere?
A partner keeps its own obligations under its own law; the Nation’s agreement says only what the partner does with the Nation.

Who answers a partner’s complaint?
The Director of Relations, in writing, within 14 days.