

A dated, public, checkable record

For documents whose date, authorship and exact wording may be questioned years later — and that no repository will accept.

RecordMark deposits a document, publishes a fingerprint of its exact contents, and gives it a permanent address anyone can check. It does not judge the document. It establishes what was deposited, by whom, and when — so that a later amendment is visible as an amendment, and a copy in someone else's hands can be proved identical to the one you lodged.

WHAT EVERY RECORD CARRIES

1 A permanent web address

One address that keeps working when your website is redesigned, your intranet is replaced or the original download link dies. Cite it in a report, a tender, a certificate or a court bundle.

2 A QR code on the certificate

Every record produces a deposit certificate carrying a QR code and a printed verification link. A reader holding the paper can confirm the record in seconds, without being told where to look.

3 A published content fingerprint

A SHA-256 digest of the exact bytes of the file, shown openly. Anyone holding a copy can prove it is identical to the deposited one, using free tools, without our permission and without trusting us.

4 A dated deposit, kept

The deposit date is recorded by us rather than asserted by you. Replacing the document adds a version; it does not erase the earlier one. A change stays visible as a change.

5 A feed of its own

Each record has a feed address beside its web address. Anyone you give it to is told, in an ordinary news reader, when a new version is deposited, when descriptive detail is corrected, when access changes or when an embargo lifts. No account, no mailing list, nothing for you to send.

This is what “point in time” means in practice: not that a document is correct, but that its exact wording on a stated date can be established later by anyone who cares to check.

HOW A READER CHECKS A COPY

1 Open the record

Scan the QR code on the certificate, or type the reference into the verification page. No account needed.

2 Read the published fingerprint

The record shows the SHA-256 digest of the deposited file, its deposit date and its versions.

3 Fingerprint the copy in hand

Any free tool, or the check on the record page, which reads the file in your browser and uploads nothing.

What a reader is actually given

Every deposit produces two things a third party can use without an account: a certificate page bound to the front of the document, and a public record page at a permanent address.

 **RecordMark**
Public record deposit

DEPOSIT CERTIFICATE

RECORDMARK REFERENCE
RM-2026-2EE6DD1C28

Test record — stamping and export checks



Scan or tap to verify this record

ISSUED BY IPSQA Ltd, New Zealand company number 6789833, NZBN 9429046694799	PUBLISHER Test Publisher
LICENCE All rights reserved	LANGUAGE English
EXPIRES Does not expire	DEPOSITED WITH RECORDMARK 12 September 2026 at 12:56 UTC
DOCUMENT VERSION v1	PAGES IN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT 3
CONDITIONS OF USE 2026-09-13.2 (in force from 13 September 2026)	CERTIFICATE TEMPLATE v11

SUMMARY OF RECORD
 Test record used to check certificate stamping and the export features on the closed-beta site.

CONTENT FINGERPRINT OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT (SHA-256)
 3bda786286ac9b6c846b29260f93a89888420396fcb7ccda01282c7898b544e
 Anyone holding a copy of the original document can compute this digest and compare it with the published record.

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 This deposit is governed by the RecordMark Conditions of Use version 2026-09-13.2, being the version accepted when the deposit was purchased. A later variation of those conditions does not apply to this deposit.
 This record has been amended 5 times, most recently on 13 September 2026. The amendment history is published on the verification page.
 Integrity screening results are shown only where the publisher has elected to publish them. The absence of a result carries no meaning and must not be read as either a pass or a failure. Any result shown is recorded as reported by the screening provider; RecordMark does not verify or endorse it.
 Verify at <https://recordmark.vercel.app/?r=RM-2026-2EE6DD1C28>
 Follow at <https://recordmark.vercel.app/feed?r=RM-2026-2EE6DD1C28> news feed of changes to this record

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Live record Active Open access v1 3 KB Amended x5

PUBLISHER Test Publisher	DOCUMENT ATTACHED 12 Sept 2026
AMENDED 5 corrections · most recent 13 Sept 2026	CERTIFICATE PAGE Included in the download · added 13 Sept 2026
RIGHTS HOLDER Not stated	LICENCE All rights reserved
PUBLISHED 12 Sept 2026	

▶ Share this record — link, feed and QR code

▶ Content fingerprint — check a copy against this record

▶ Amendment history

▶ Integrity screening

The public record page. Anyone with the reference sees the same view: no account, no fee, and no record kept of who looked.

The panels at the foot of the record open the sharing links, the fingerprint check, the amendment history and any published screening result.

The deposit certificate, added to the front of the document. It carries the reference, the QR code, the deposit date, the fingerprint of the original file, the conditions version in force, and the record's own feed address.

Following a record by feed — what a feed is

A feed is a plain, machine-readable list of what has happened to a record, published at a web address of its own. RecordMark publishes one in Atom, the standard used alongside RSS, so any ordinary news reader understands it — Feedly, Inoreader, NetNewsWire, Thunderbird, Outlook or a browser extension. You copy the record's feed address, printed on the certificate and shown with a copy button on your dashboard, and paste it into the reader. The reader checks it periodically and shows anything new. No account with us is needed, nothing is emailed, and we are not told who is following a record.

WHAT APPEARS IN A RECORD'S FEED

- A new version of the document is deposited
- Who may obtain the file changes
- A screening result is published by the publisher
- A descriptive detail is corrected
- An embargo lifts and the record opens

A feed only repeats what the record's public page already shows, so following one never reveals a closed document or an unpublished result. Per record: [recordmark.app/feed?r=REFERENCE](https://recordmark.vercel.app/feed?r=REFERENCE). Every recent record: [recordmark.app/feed](https://recordmark.vercel.app/feed).

Two options you can add

Neither is required and neither is automatic. Both are set by the depositor and shown openly on the record.

OPTION

A timed release, or embargo

You may set the day and time the descriptive detail becomes public and the day and time the document becomes available, in a time zone you choose. Release happens by itself when the time arrives; it is not a manual step.

- Nothing about the deposit is delayed. The reference, the deposit date, the fingerprint and the certificate date are fixed when you deposit, so an embargoed record proves as much about your document's date as one published immediately.
- You choose whether the record's existence is acknowledged — anyone with the reference sees that a deposit exists, with its deposit and release dates, and nothing else — or hidden completely, in which case the reference does not resolve for anyone until release.
- Up to five email addresses may be nominated to be told at release. Each notice says who nominated the recipient and how to be removed, and the addresses are deleted 90 days after release. Notices cannot be sent while transactional email is disabled, as it is during the closed beta.
- A release may be brought forward, or the embargo ended, at any time. Putting a release date back is not something a depositor can do, because a release date that keeps moving is not an embargo.

OPTION

AI writing and similarity reports

You may attach AI writing detection, and similarity checking against other sources, to the exact file you deposited. A report is bound to the single file it examined, never alters that file, stays private until you publish it, and carries the provider and model name beside it. These are statistical indications, not findings of fact, and the absence of a report carries no meaning. Screening is in a closed pilot and no provider is contracted yet, so nothing is being run at present.

Who may obtain the file

Records are public. Whether the file is downloadable is your decision, and you may change it later without affecting the reference or the fingerprints.

Open access

The file is available to anyone. Filename, format and size are shown publicly.

By request

Signed-in users request access with a reason. You grant or decline each request, and every download is logged.

Closed

Descriptive detail and fingerprints only. The record stays verifiable; the file is not served.

Fingerprints are published in all three modes. That is how an unpublished submission or expert statement can be proved without disclosing it.

Records that belong to an organisation

A record may be held by an organisation rather than by whoever happened to be signed in. The organisation keeps its records when staff change, several people may work on them under different roles, and the public page gathers everything the organisation has published in one citable address.

Checked registration

Anyone may set up an organisation. Saying it is a registered charity, company or public body is a separate step. An owner claims the registration, gives the register and the number, states their own role, and may attach evidence. Someone here then looks the number up on the official register by hand.

- What the public page then shows is a dated statement: this number was checked against that register on that date, with a link so a reader can look it up themselves.
- It is not an endorsement of the organisation or of anything it has deposited, and it is not a claim that the registration is still current today.
- The check carries a review date. When that date passes the badge lapses by itself and the organisation is asked to claim again, rather than an old check being left to look current.
- Evidence sent in support is held privately for our checking only. It is never published, and it is purged seven years after the organisation closes its account.

Pre-approval codes

Where a registration has already been checked — a charity we have worked with, or a body checked as part of a programme — the organisation can be given a one-off code. Entering the code alongside the matching registration number verifies the organisation immediately, on the date the register was actually checked, with no second wait. A code is tied to one registration number, may be limited in uses and given an expiry, and is recorded against whoever issued it. A code that does not match simply becomes an ordinary claim for checking by hand.

Roles inside an organisation

People are invited by email address and hold one role. Removing someone never removes or moves records the organisation has deposited.

Owner

Everything, including people, claims and the organisation's details.

Publisher

Creates and publishes records as the organisation.

Archivist

Prepares records but cannot publish them.

Viewer

Sees the organisation's records and exports, and changes nothing.

Charity and community archives

Small organisations often hold the only copy of material nobody else keeps: incident reports, flood and rescue logs, minutes, community newsletters, photographs of works and hazards. Deposited here, each item gains a fixed reference, a published fingerprint and a date that does not depend on a volunteer's laptop or a shared drive nobody administers. A registered charity or not-for-profit whose registration has been checked qualifies for a reduced rate on its own records; the rate is not transferable and does not apply to records deposited for anyone else.

One honest limit worth stating plainly: depositing a 1998 newsletter in 2026 proves the file existed in that exact form on the deposit date, not that it was written in 1998. Where a document date is shown it is the depositor's statement about the original, and it is presented that way.

What people deposit, and why

Nine worked examples. In each, what matters later is not whether the document was right, but what it said and when.

After-action reports

Deposited The final report on an incident response, with annexes.

Revisited years later, sometimes in an inquiry. A deposit fixes what the report said on the day it was issued, so later amendments read as amendments rather than as the original.

Standards and doctrine

Deposited Each published edition of a standard, framework or procedure.

Certification depends on knowing which edition a candidate was assessed against. A per-edition reference lets a certificate cite the exact document and lets an auditor confirm it was not quietly edited.

Expert statements

Deposited An expert report, witness statement or consultation submission.

The fingerprint is published even when the file is not, so you can prove the statement you hold is word-for-word the one you lodged, without publishing its contents.

Safety alerts and recalls

Deposited The alert as issued, plus any superseding version.

When an alert is later disputed, what matters is what was said and when. Retained versions show the original wording and every revision.

Product and equipment manuals

Deposited Each issue of an operating, maintenance or inspection manual.

Owners and service agents need to know whether the manual in hand is current. The manufacturer deposits each issue against one reference and customers follow the record's feed in an ordinary news reader, so a revision reaches them without a mailing list or an account.

Research outputs and preprints

Deposited A working paper, dataset description or thesis chapter.

Establishes priority on a date, and lets you attach integrity screening if you wish to evidence how the text was produced.

Board and governance papers

Deposited Approved minutes, policies, registers of interest.

A governance trail that does not depend on an internal file server, an email account, or the goodwill of whoever holds the shared drive.

Embargoed findings

Deposited A report, decision or announcement for release on a stated day.

The record is fixed on deposit while nothing opens until your release times. The reference and feed address work from the start, so recipients you tell in advance are alerted the moment it lifts.

Posthumous messages, and where a will is held

Deposited A sealed letter, an instruction pack, or a scanned copy of a signed will.

A closed deposit with a distant release date behaves as a timed message, and the deposit date and fingerprint show when it was written. Most countries still require the original wet-ink will, so use this for a checkable backup copy stating where the signed original is held, never as a substitute. Release is by date alone — nothing detects whether you are alive — so keep the date within reach.

Where a document is eligible for an academic repository and a DOI, that is usually the right home for it. RecordMark is aimed at operational, regulatory and professional documents no repository will accept, that must stay unpublished, or that need a per-version evidence trail.

How this differs from the usual alternatives

A description of common practice, not a claim about any particular provider or product.

CAPABILITY	PDF, CLOUD LINK, DOI OR NOTARY	RECORDMARK
Reference survives your site being reorganised	Link rot is the norm	Yes
Published fingerprint of the exact file contents	Rare, or metadata only	Yes, always
Third party attests the deposit date	Only a repository or a notary	Yes
Anyone can verify without an account or a fee	Usually not	Yes
Earlier versions kept and shown after replacement	Usually overwritten	Yes, retained
Record stays verifiable when the file is not shared	No	Yes, by design
Publisher controls who may obtain the file	All or nothing	Yes, per request
Withdrawn material leaves an auditable trace	No	Yes, append only
Subscribable feed of changes to the document	No	Yes, per record
Scheduled public release you set in advance	Manual, on the day	Yes, dated and automatic
Nominated people told when it opens	No	Yes, up to five addresses
Certificate you can hand to a third party	A citation, or a notarised copy	Yes, with QR verification
Records held by the organisation, not a person's login	Tied to whoever uploaded it	Yes, with roles
Registration checked against an official register	No	Yes, dated and linked

Where RecordMark is not the answer

- It does not judge quality. A deposit is not peer review, accreditation, endorsement or fact-checking.
- It is not a legal registry. It registers no intellectual property, confers no rights, and replaces no statutory filing.
- It is not a document management system. It holds documents you may need to prove, not drafts in progress.

What is not yet switched on

- Payments. Fees are shown and recorded against a record, and nothing is collected.
- Integrity screening. In a closed pilot; no provider is contracted, and published rates are indicative.
- Transactional email, so release notices are held rather than sent.

What it costs

One fee per deposit, by retention plan, with optional surcharges for an embargo or for integrity screening. Every charge is shown before you commit and is recorded against the record. Nothing is collected while payments are disabled, so the closed beta is free; current figures are on the pricing page at recordmark.app.

Depositing a record

Create an account at recordmark.app, upload the document, describe it, choose who may obtain the file, and set an embargo if it should open later. The reference, fingerprint and certificate are issued on deposit. Verification needs no account: open a record's address and check your copy against the published fingerprint.

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