

# Certified Significant Form

## Public Standard

A public certification standard for sound recordings produced without generative AI.

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*The Certificate of Embodied Production and Certified Significant Form are certification marks of Muse Foundry LLC, pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.*

### At a glance

- Certifies individual sound recordings only, not artists, labels, studios, or other entities.
- Evaluates the recorded audio for AI-generated sound. Does not evaluate compositions, lyrics, arrangements, grid correction, pitch correction, artistic quality, genre, or commercial merit.
- Certified recordings receive a public designation of Verified and are listed in the public registry.

## What CSF certifies

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Certified Significant Form certifies that the recorded audio of a specific sound recording does not contain sound generated by artificial intelligence.

This certification evaluates the audio signal of the final recording. It does not evaluate the origin of compositions, lyrics, arrangements, or any creative work that preceded the recording.

## What CSF does not certify

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Certification applies to individual sound recordings only. It does not certify artists, producers, engineers, studios, labels, or any other person or entity.

Certified Significant Form does not evaluate artistic quality, genre, commercial viability, grid correction, pitch correction, or any production criterion other than the

absence of AI-generated audio in the recording. Certification does not constitute endorsement or approval of any recording or associated commercial activity.

## Generative artificial intelligence

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For purposes of this standard, generative artificial intelligence means software, systems, or models that generate, synthesize, or reconstruct audio that substitutes for human performance or recording. This includes, without limitation, systems that use machine learning models to produce vocal performances, instrumental performances, stems, or synthetic performance layers in the recorded audio, regardless of whether the output is further processed or combined with human-performed audio.

## Permitted tools and practices

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The use of any tool or technique in the production of a recording is permitted under this standard, provided that no generative artificial intelligence is used to produce any portion of the recorded audio.

## Eligibility and submission

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Any sound recording may be submitted for certification review. Submissions must be made by, or with authorization from, an artist, producer, label, rights holder, or other authorized representative.

Submission does not create any entitlement or expectation of certification. Certification is granted only upon a determination that the recording satisfies the standard under the evaluation procedures maintained by the Musical Form Institute.

Certification is available to any sound recording that meets the published standard, regardless of artist, label, genre, or commercial affiliation. Any promotional offer made to a specific group must be simultaneously available to the general public on the same terms.

To submit a recording for certification, visit [musicalform.org](https://musicalform.org) or contact [certifications@musicalform.org](mailto:certifications@musicalform.org).

## How recordings are evaluated

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Every recording submitted for certification is evaluated using third-party AI content detection technology. The evaluation includes automated screening of the submitted audio. Recordings that require further analysis are reviewed by a qualified analyst using supplemental evaluation methods and critical listening.

The evaluation methodology includes controls for known detection artifacts to ensure that legitimate recordings are not incorrectly flagged. The methodology is documented internally, validated against certification outcomes, and subject to periodic review.

The designated detection tool is selected and maintained by the certifier. If the evaluation framework changes materially, the change is reflected in a revised version of this standard.

## Certification outcomes

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Each recording receives one of two public outcomes:

Outcome	Meaning
Verified	Evaluation indicates the recorded audio does not contain AI-generated sound. Certification is issued and the recording is listed on the public registry.
Not Certified	Evaluation indicates the presence of AI-generated audio, or the recording does not satisfy the standard after review. Certification is denied. The recording does not appear on the public registry.

Recordings that clearly satisfy the standard based on the evaluation may be certified without additional review. Recordings that require further analysis are reviewed by a qualified analyst.

The Musical Form Institute may require a signed attestation from the artist, producer, or authorized rights holder as part of the certification process.

## Public registry

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Certified recordings are published to the public registry at [registry.musicalform.org](https://registry.musicalform.org). Each entry includes a unique certification identifier, artist name, track title, release

title, label, genre, ISRC, certification date, and standards version. Registry entries are publicly accessible and searchable.

## Use of the certification mark

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The Certified Significant Form certification mark is owned and controlled by Muse Foundry LLC. Authorization to use the mark is granted on a per-recording basis only.

The mark may be used in physical album packaging, digital artwork, album credits, liner notes, digital metadata, and promotional materials that clearly reference the certified recording. It must not be used in connection with uncertified recordings, to describe artists or entities as certified, or to imply endorsement beyond certification of the specific recording.

Authorization remains in effect for the certified recording unless certification is revoked, suspended, or withdrawn. Unauthorized or improper use may result in corrective action or withdrawal of authorization.

## Policies and appeals

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- Certification is available to any sound recording that meets the standard, regardless of artist, label, genre, or commercial affiliation.
- Submission does not guarantee certification.
- Certification decisions are made independently and in good faith. They are not influenced by artistic, commercial, reputational, or promotional considerations.
- Certification may be suspended or revoked if materially false or misleading information was provided, or if the mark has been used in an unauthorized or misleading manner. The revocation process, including notice periods and response rights, is described in the CSF Certification Governance Framework.
- An applicant whose certification has been denied, suspended, or revoked may submit a written appeal. Where practicable, appeals are reviewed by an individual not involved in the original decision. The decision on appeal is final.
- Fee schedules and pricing information are available at [musicalform.org](https://musicalform.org).

## Governance

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The institutional authority, conflict of interest policies, audit commitments, and accountability structures governing all CSF certification activity are described in the CSF Certification Governance Framework, maintained separately by the Musical Form Institute. The current version is available upon request to [governance@musicalform.org](mailto:governance@musicalform.org).

## Version note

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This document describes Certified Significant Form Standard Version 2.0, effective March 31, 2026.

Each certification decision is governed by the version of the standard in effect at the time of certification. The Musical Form Institute may revise this standard. Revisions apply prospectively. Certifications issued under a previous version retain their validity.

## Relationship to the Certificate of Embodied Production

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The Certificate of Embodied Production is a separate certification that includes additional production standards relating to grid-based timing correction and pitch correction. A recording may qualify for one certification without qualifying for the other.

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