

■ MindBank Verification & Ethics Framework

Purpose

To ensure that every lived experience shared on MindBank is authentic, respectful, and ethically verified, while safeguarding participant privacy and dignity. This framework establishes how MindBank builds trust without requiring proof of trauma or invasive verification.

1. Tiered Verification System

MindBank uses a three-tier verification structure that balances inclusivity with integrity. Each level earns a Credibility Badge visible to organizations.

Level	Description	Verification Method
Level 1: Self-Verified	Basic entry level for all contributors. Confirms identity and security.	One-time identity verification using a secure digital identity system or government ID.
Level 2: Context-Verified	Confirms user's declared experience aligns with public indicators of supportive context (e.g., employment, education, community involvement).	Optional public indicators or supporting documents (e.g., certificates, transcripts, organizational letters).
Level 3: Partner-Verified	Highest level, used for research or policy development.	Certification by trusted organizations or institutions.

2. AI + Human Oversight Layer

MindBank combines AI pattern detection with trauma-informed human moderation to prevent fraud without discrimination. AI flags inconsistencies; human moderators assess with sensitivity and fairness.

3. Anonymous Proof-of-Experience Tokens

MindBank will pilot an anonymized credentialing system verifying experience categories through trusted partners, without revealing identities. This creates a privacy-preserving trust layer for organizations.

4. Community Reputation & Trust Metrics

Contributors earn trust points after verified engagements; organizations also receive ethical conduct ratings. This two-way system reinforces accountability and credibility.

5. Ethics & Verification Council

An independent council of survivor advocates, researchers, and data privacy experts governs ethical use, appeals, and standards for verification. This ensures MindBank evolves with integrity.

6. Transparency & Data Integrity

MindBank publishes annual transparency reports detailing participant metrics, partnerships, and ethical reviews to maintain public and investor trust.

7. Guiding Principle

"MindBank will never require proof of pain — only proof of honesty."

Ethical innovation means paying people for truth, not trauma.