



DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

D1 — Governance and Accountability

Domain Overview

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1. Purpose

This domain defines the mandatory governance and accountability requirements that shall exist for a deployed AI system.

Its purpose is to ensure that, once an AI system is operational:

- Decision-making authority is explicitly assigned
- Responsibility for outcomes is clearly accountable
- Governance structures are documented, durable, and enforceable
- No deployed system operates without an identifiable owner and control framework
- No AI system enters production without formal, attributable authorization tied to a declared deployment scope

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2. Governance Objective

The objective of the Governance and Accountability domain is to ensure that every deployed AI system is governable.

A governable system is one for which:

- Authority to approve, modify, or constrain behavior is defined
- Responsibility for impacts and failures is assigned
- Oversight mechanisms exist to detect and respond to issues
- Governance does not rely on informal practice or institutional memory
- Deployment scope is explicitly declared and bounded
- Authorization for production operation is formally documented and retained

Governance under DAGS is structural, not aspirational.

3. Accountability Principle

Accountability under this domain requires that:

- Responsibility is assigned to identifiable roles or functions
- Accountability persists after deployment and through system changes
- Delegation of operational tasks does not dilute accountability

Accountability shall not be implied, shared without definition, or diffused across the organization.

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4. Scope of the Domain

This domain applies to all deployed AI systems within DAGS scope, regardless of:

- Model provenance
- Vendor involvement
- Degree of automation
- Use case or industry

No deployed system is exempt from governance and accountability requirements.

5. Relationship to Other Domains

Governance and Accountability is a foundational domain.

Controls defined here establish the authority structures upon which other domains depend, including:

- Model and vendor visibility
- Security and controls
- Ethics and responsible use
- Operational integration

Failure in this domain undermines the effectiveness of all others.

Deployment authorization and scope declaration defined in this domain establish the boundary conditions within which Model and Vendor Visibility (D2), Security and Controls (D3), Ethics and Responsible Use (D4), and Operational Integration (D5) operate. Absent formal authorization and scope definition, cross-domain governance controls cannot be meaningfully applied.

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6. Boundary Conditions

This domain governs who decides and who answers, not:

- How models are trained
- How performance is optimized
- How risk is quantified
- How ethical values are selected

Those concerns are outside the scope of this domain unless they affect deployment-layer governance.

7. Interpretive Notes

This overview provides context for the controls defined in D1_Requirements.

It does not introduce requirements, assessment criteria, or examples.

Interpretation shall be governed by the normative requirements that follow.

8. Status

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