



DAGS v1.0 Normative Standard

Conformance and Applicability

1. Purpose

This document defines what it means for an AI system to conform to and be applicable under the Deployment AI Governance Standard (DAGS) v1.0.

Its purpose is to:

- Establish clear, enforceable conditions for claims of DAGS alignment
- Prevent partial, selective, or misleading representations
- Fix the rules by which applicability and conformance are determined
- Support defensible interpretation under legal, regulatory, and insurance scrutiny

This document is normative.

2. Applicability Determination

DAGS applies only to AI systems that meet the scope criteria defined in the Scope and Boundaries and System Scope Definition documents.

Applicability is determined by:

- Whether the system is deployed in an operational environment
- Whether the system produces or influences outcomes relied upon by users or third parties

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- Whether the system operates under organizational responsibility

If a system does not meet these criteria, DAGS is not applicable and no claim of alignment shall be made.

3. Unit of Conformance

Conformance under DAGS is determined at the system level.

Each claim of conformance shall:

- Refer to a specifically defined AI system
- Reference a declared system scope and operational context
- Be tied to a specific version of the DAGS normative standard

Enterprise-wide or portfolio-level claims are not permitted unless each system is individually evaluated.

4. Conditions for Conformance

An AI system conforms to DAGS v1.0 only if:

- All applicable normative requirements are satisfied
- Required governance controls exist and are documented
- Required evidence is available and traceable
- No prohibited representations are made

Partial conformance is not permitted.

If any applicable requirement is not met, the system does not conform.

5. Applicability of Requirements

All normative requirements apply unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Requirements may be:

- Universally applicable, or
- Conditional based on declared system characteristics

Conditional applicability shall be determined strictly according to the text of the requirement.

Discretionary exclusion of requirements is prohibited.

6. Version Referencing

All claims of conformance shall explicitly reference:

- The DAGS normative version applied
- The publication date of that version

Mixing requirements from different versions invalidates conformance claims.

7. Evidence Dependency

Claims of conformance are dependent on evidence.

If required evidence:

- Does not exist
- Is incomplete
- Is not traceable to the declared system scope

Then conformance shall not be asserted.

8. Duration and Change Sensitivity

Conformance is valid only for the system as scoped at the time of evaluation.

If material changes occur to:

- System behavior
- Operational context
- Governance controls

Then conformance shall be reassessed.

Prior conformance shall not be extended by assumption.

9. Prohibited Claims

The following claims are explicitly prohibited:

- Implied conformance without evaluation
- Retroactive conformance assertions
- Conformance claims extending beyond declared scope



- Conformance claims implying certification or approval

Such claims constitute misrepresentation.

10. Authority of Determination

Determination of applicability and conformance shall be governed by this document.

In the event of dispute, this document governs interpretation of whether DAGS applies and whether conformance may be claimed.

11. Status

This Conformance and Applicability definition is normative.

It is binding for DAGS v1.0 and all derivative artifacts unless explicitly superseded.

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