

Trust Framework

The Sovrin Trust Framework is the legal foundation of the Sovrin Network as a global public utility for self-sovereign identity. It is developed by the [Sovrin Trust Framework Working Group](#), currently chaired by Sovrin trustee Drummond Reed, and each new version is approved by the [Sovrin Foundation Board of Trustees](#) to become the official set of governance documents for the operation of the Sovrin ledger.

The first version is called the **Provisional Trust Framework** (PTF) because it will govern the first stage of the Sovrin Network, called the **Provisional Network**. During this stage the network is live and transactions on the ledger are permanent, but it is still undergoing hardening and scalability testing before it reaches the general availability stage. At that point the next version, the **General Availability Trust Framework** (GATF) will take effect. Work on the GATF is currently underway—please [contact us](#) if you would like to participate in this work.

PDF versions of the three documents in the PTF can be found here:


[Sovrin-Provisional-Trust-Framework-2017-06-28](#)

[Sovrin-Identity-Owner-Agreement-2017-06-28](#)

[Sovrin-Founding-Steward-Agreement-2017-06-28](#)

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1. [Sovrin Trust Framework \(live Google doc version\)](#)
2. [Sovrin Identity Owner Agreement \(live Google doc version\)](#)
3. [Sovrin Steward Agreement \(live Google doc version\)](#)

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