



TERMS OF USE & LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Terms of Use

1. Introduction

Welcome to **MDOI (Metascholar Digital Object Identifier)**, governed by the MDOI Foundation. By accessing or using this platform, you agree to comply with these Terms of Use and all applicable policies.

2. Nature of the Service

MDOI is a not-for-profit infrastructure operated by Metascholar Limited and integrated within the Scholar Indexing Society ecosystem. It provides identifier assignment, metadata registration, resolution services, and long-term digital object stewardship.

3. Independent System Declaration

MDOI is an independent system and is **not affiliated with, endorsed by, or governed by the DOI Foundation.**

Users must not misrepresent MDOI identifiers as DOI identifiers.

4. User Responsibilities

Users agree to:

- Provide accurate, complete, and verifiable metadata
- Ensure they have legal rights to register submitted content
- Maintain updated resource links where applicable
- Use the system ethically and lawfully

5. Intellectual Property Rights

The MDOI system, including its identifier structure, architecture, branding, and operational framework, is protected under **trademark, copyright, and applicable intellectual property laws.**

Unauthorized use, imitation, or replication is strictly prohibited.

6. Record Integrity & Persistence

MDOI ensures persistent identification; however:

- Users are responsible for maintaining the accessibility of registered resources
- Metadata updates must comply with system policies
- Identifier validity remains independent of content visibility

7. Privacy & Data Protection

MDOI adopts a **privacy-by-design approach**, allowing users to control visibility (public or hidden records).

All records benefit from secure metadata storage and long-term stewardship.

8. Prohibited Activities

Users shall not:

- Submit false, plagiarized, or misleading content
- Attempt to compromise system security
- Misrepresent MDOI as another identifier system
- Reverse-engineer or replicate the infrastructure

9. Suspension & Termination

MDOI reserves the right to suspend or terminate accounts for violations of these terms.

10. Limitation of Liability

The Foundation shall not be liable for indirect damages, including loss of data or service interruptions.

11. Governing Law

These terms operate under applicable national and international legal frameworks governing digital systems and intellectual property.

Legal Compliance Statement

MDOI operates in alignment with:

- ISO/IEC principles (information security)
- Global intellectual property laws
- Data protection and privacy standards

The system is designed to ensure transparency, accountability, and long-term reliability.