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Certificate Verification and Revocation Policy

How GGN certificates are issued, verified, renewed, suspended, and revoked.

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Issued by	[GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME], doing business as The Global Grief Network
Applies to	GGN Certificates of Completion for public programs and the GGN Certified Somatic Grief Support Practitioner credential
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Governing law	[GOVERNING STATE: Colorado, placeholder because GGN is based in Fort Collins, Colorado; attorney to confirm]
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1. Types of GGN certificates

Certificate	What it shows	What it is not
GGN Certificate of Completion (public programs)	Completion of a Global Grief Network educational program and its final assessment.	Not a license, clinical credential, or CE credit. It does not expire, and it reflects the program version completed.
GGN Certified Somatic Grief Support Practitioner (GGN-CSGSP)	Completion of all certification requirements. Valid for two years and renewable.	Not a state or national license, and not permission to provide clinical care or treatment.

2. Issuing

Certificates are issued by GGN after GGN confirms that requirements are met. Course site progress alone is not proof of completion. Each certificate carries the holder's name, the program, the issue date, a unique certificate number, and the signature of Tony Lynch, Founder.

3. Verification

Anyone may ask GGN to verify a certificate by sending the holder's name and certificate number to [CREDENTIAL VERIFICATION EMAIL OR PAGE]. GGN will confirm only whether the certificate is genuine, the program, the issue date, and, for the credential, its current status (active, expired, suspended, or revoked). GGN will not share other personal information without the holder's consent.

4. Renewal (credential only)

The credential is renewed every two years by meeting the renewal steps in the Somatic Program Handbook and paying any renewal fee [PRICE: set in Stripe]. An expired credential may not be used until it is renewed.

5. Grounds for suspension or revocation

- Presenting a GGN certificate as a license, clinical credential, or CE approval.
- Academic dishonesty or false information in an application or log.
- Serious or repeated breach of the GGN Code of Ethics, Scope of Practice, Code of Conduct, or a listing agreement.
- Conduct that puts clients or the public at risk, or relevant criminal conduct. [Attorney: define.]
- Altering, forging, or sharing a certificate.

6. Process

GGN gives the holder written notice of the concern and a chance to respond within [NUMBER] days. GGN may pause a directory listing while it reviews. GGN decides in writing, with reasons. Outcomes can include no action, education or supervision requirements, suspension, or revocation. The holder may appeal in writing within 30 days to [APPEAL REVIEWER OR PANEL]. Somatic matters also follow the GGN Complaints and Grievance Policy.

7. After revocation

The holder must stop using the certificate, the credential name, and GGN marks, and any directory listing is removed. Verification requests will show the certificate as revoked.

Governing law. These terms are governed by the laws of [GOVERNING STATE: Colorado, placeholder because GGN is based in Fort Collins, Colorado; attorney to confirm], without regard to conflict of law rules, except where the law of your place of residence gives you protections that cannot be waived.

Changes. GGN may update this document. The "Last updated" date shows the current version. Material changes will be posted on the GGN website or sent to enrolled learners before they take effect.

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