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 1. The launch of a public mainnet marks the beginning of production use.
 2. The network must be launched with rules to distribute at least 1% of the maximum or inflating supply to Shardus token (ULT) holders through a claim process. The details of the process is described below in the Claim Process section.
 - ii. With no coin, token or other asset
 1. Same requirements as a private network.
- e. For Private Networks
 - i. The launch of an internal or federated product or service based on a private network using the Shardus software marks the beginning of production use. Or for public networks with no coin, token or other asset the launch of a public mainnet marks the beginning of production use.
 - ii. The Licensee must acquire Shardus tokens and convert them to a license token on the Ethereum network. The Shardus smart contract on the Ethereum network has a "purchaseLicense" function which burns the Shardus tokens and issues a license token to the sender. This process is described below in the Purchase License section.
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 - ii. The Licensee must include a copy of the license file they notarized with their software distribution.
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12. Claim Process

- a. This only applies to public networks with an asset.
- b. The actual implementation of the claim process may vary. The following provides guidelines on how it could be done. However, items which are noted as “must” are required.
- c. There must be a record of the claim process on a public blockchain. This must be done through a smart contract that allows claim transactions as defined later.
- d. A snapshot must be taken of all addresses holding Shardus token (ULT) as defined later.
- e. The Licensee must notarize the unique signature of the current license file on the Ethereum or Polygon blockchain using a key belonging to the Licensee. Instructions on how to do this are provided on the Shardus license page <https://shardus.com/license/>. This will ensure that even if the license file is changed the Licensee only needs to fulfill the requirements of the license file version that was notarized.
- f. Licensee must create an announcement page on the Licensee website:
 - i. The announcement page must be linked on the homepage of the Licensee website and be easy to find.
 - ii. The announcement page must be created at least 30 days in advance of the first snapshot date or no later than 30 days after the public mainnet launch whichever is earlier.
 - iii. The page must include the link to the block explorer transaction showing the hash of the license file the Licensee has notarized using a public key belonging to the Licensee.
 - iv. The page must link to the smart contract used to process claims. The activity on this smart contract provides proof on the blockchain of fulfilling the requirements to obtain a license.
 - v. The page must state what percentage of the maximum or inflating supply of Licensee network coins, tokens or other assets are allocated to be claimed by Shardus token (ULT) holders. A minimum of 1% is required.
 - vi. The page must state the exact date and time of the snapshot or the upcoming snapshot if there will be multiple claim events.
 - vii. The first snapshot must be within 100 calendar days of the mainnet launch.
 - viii. For assets with a fixed or deflationary supply the Licensee may choose to distribute the allocated percentage of assets through multiple claim events. For example if 5% of the max supply of coins on the Licensee network will be given to ULT holders then 5 claim events can distribute 1% each.
 1. For each claim event the following must be specified when the announcement page is created:
 - a. The snapshot date and time.
 - b. The claim start date which must be within 7 days of the snapshot date.
 - c. The claim end date which must be at least 1001 days (143 weeks) after the claim start date.
 2. There may not be more than 10 claim events to distribute the total claimable percentage.
 3. The days between snapshots must be at least 30 days and not more than 100 days.
 - ix. For assets which are inflationary and don't have a fixed max supply there must be a distribution periodically to meet the distribution percentage. The number of times a periodic

distribution occurs to maintain the inflation percentage can be indefinite. The following must be specified when the announcement page is created:

1. The first snapshot date and time.
 2. The claim start date which must be within 7 days of the snapshot date.
 3. The claim end date which must be at least 1001 days (143 weeks) after the claim start date.
 4. The number of days between snapshots.
 - a. The number of days between snapshots must be at least 30 and not more than 100.
- g. The Licensee must also include the PDF version of the license file in the repo of the software distribution. The version of the license file included in the software distribution must be the same as the one that was notarized by the Licensee.
- h. The Licensee must send an email to admin@shardus.com at least 30 days in advance of the first snapshot date. The email should include:
- i. The URL of the announcement page on the Licensee website
 - ii. The URL of the software distribution repository
- i. The Licensee must take a snapshot of all addresses holding Shardus token (ULT) on the scheduled date and time as specified on the announcement page. There may be multiple snapshots over time.
- i. The snapshot must include the addresses and the balance it had at the time of the snapshot.
 - ii. The snapshot must cover all networks where ULT is present. These currently include the Ethereum and Polygon network.
 - iii. The snapshot must be at the same time across all the networks where ULT is present.
 - iv. For an address that has ULT on multiple networks the sum of the ULT on all networks must be used.
 - v. The following addresses on all networks must not be included in the snapshot:
 1. Issuing address: `0x19caf17b4EA9f8DD9B5E8f17AboC3C10F132691D`
 2. Polygon bridge address: `0x40ec5b33f54e0e8a33a975908c5ba1c14e5bbddf`
 - vi. Addresses belonging to exchanges, AMM and other contracts must also be excluded. For example:
 1. `0x061a7abe5313b886aa27fcc1f1c876fedf3ce1ea` (SushiSwap - Polygon)
 2. `0x2A35F755c9938c63141FB8D26a9045ABE6917d71` (DODO - Polygon)
 3. `0x4B658c395804f90D76aA1995391E4730C7208dE7` (DODO - Polygon)
 4. `0xae70AE3D5197729bD1Be63415d40Ab251A89EBEb` (Uniswap - Ethereum)
- j. The Licensee must deploy a claim smart contract and a claim server to process claims.
- i. The smart contract must be on a well established network that has low transaction fees. For example the Shardeum network, but if this network is not ready then another network like Polygon can be used.
 1. If the Licensee network has smart contract capabilities the contract to process claims can be deployed there.
 - ii. A `loadSnapshot` function on the smart contract is used to load the Merkle root of the list of addresses and the corresponding balances as they were when the snapshot was taken. The actual list is published on the claim server operated by the Licensee.
 - iii. A web page which allows users to claim assets on the Licensee network and check claim status is setup on the Licensee website where:
 1. Users can connect their wallet to the web page.
 2. Users can enter their claim address to see the amount of coins they can claim and if a claim has already been made or not.
 - a. This is checked using the claim server operated by the Licensee.
 3. Users can enter the claim address and the recipient address on the Licensee network and click a Claim button to initiate the claim process.
 4. When the user clicks on the Claim button
 - a. A transaction is submitted to a claim server and includes:
 - i. the claim address holding the ULT
 - ii. the recipient address on the network of the Licensee
 - iii. the ULT balance held by the claim address

- iv. the amount being claimed on the Licensee network
 - v. the transaction is also signed and proves ownership of the address holding the ULT
 - b. This is first checked on the claim server which returns the Merkel proof if the claim is valid. The Merkel proof shows how the Merkel root can be generated starting with the claim address and balance.
 - c. A transaction is submitted to the claim smart contract which adds the Merkel proof to the above transaction.
 - d. The smart contract validates the Merkel proof and accepts the transaction if the proof is valid. It simply records the valid claim transactions and provides proof of what addresses made a claim.
- 5. The claim server operated by the Licensee monitors the smart contract for claim transactions and initiates a transaction on the network of the Licensee to fulfill the claim.
 - a. If the Licensee network has smart contract capabilities the fulfillment of the claim can be handled by the same smart contract that receives the claim request.
- iv. The actual distribution of the asset to those who have claimed must be completed within 24 hours of the claim.
- v. Any unclaimed assets after the claim period ends do not need to be distributed by the Licensee to ULT holders, but must be burned after the claim end date. This is to ensure that there is no incentive for the Licensee to not distribute the assets.
- k. The public announcement on the Licensee website and the activity on the public smart contract provides proof of fulfilling the requirements to obtain a license.

13. Purchase License

- a. This only applies to private networks or public networks without an asset.
- b. The smart contract for the Shardus token on the Ethereum network has a “purchaseLicense” function. <https://etherscan.io/address/0x09617f6fd6cf8a71278ec86e23bbab29c04353a7#code>
- c. The Licensee can query the contract to see what the current cost is in terms of Shardus tokens.
- d. The cost will be some percentage of the current token circulating supply.
- e. The Licensee can acquire Shardus tokens on the market.
- f. The Licensee sends the required amount in Shardus tokens to the purchaseLicense function along with a string to identify the company and the network; such as “Company A Network X”.
- g. A license token will be sent to the address that sent the Shardus tokens and the Shardus tokens used in the purchase will be burned to reduce the total circulating supply.
- h. The license token will serve as proof on the blockchain of fulfilling the requirements to obtain a license.
- i. The license token is not transferable.