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0. Disclaimer

CAHDD™ provides a voluntary framework for communicating the human and technological process behind creative and technical work.

Use of a CAHDD Stage designation, circled Stage character, graphic Stage indicator, icon, or watermark does not constitute certification, independent verification, endorsement, or legal proof of authorship or process.

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CAHDD does not provide legal advice or guarantee copyright, trademark, authorship, ownership, or intellectual-property protection.

1. Purpose

The CAHDD Stage System provides a shared language for communicating the balance between human contribution and technological participation in creative and technical work.

The official CAHDD icons, watermarks, and circled Stage graphic files are provided as optional visual tools for displaying CAHDD Stages 0-5 and Stage X.

These graphics are not required to participate in the CAHDD framework. Creators may also use written Stage designations, Unicode circled characters, their own compatible indicators, or Stage indicators incorporated into signatures, logos, bylines, and other forms of visible authorship.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this license:

“Official CAHDD Graphics” means the icons, watermarks, circled Stage graphic files, and other original graphic assets distributed by 3DAllusions LLC as part of an official CAHDD download package.

“Unicode Stage Characters” means the standard Unicode characters:



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“CAHDD Stage Designation” means a written expression such as:

CAHDD Stage 3

CAHDD-3

CAHDD3

CAHDD③

“Creator’s Mark” means a CAHDD Stage indicator paired with or incorporated into an identifiable signature, logo, studio mark, company identity, byline, project credit, or other established form of authorship.

3. Unicode Characters and Written Stage Designations

This license does not claim ownership of the standard Unicode characters ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥, their Unicode code points, ordinary numerals or letters, or common circle-and-character combinations.

Unicode Stage characters may be freely typed, copied, displayed, adapted, and incorporated into signatures, logos, credits, captions, documents, and other materials.

Written CAHDD Stage designations may also be freely used for honest Stage declarations.

Use of the names **CAHDD**, **CAHDD Stage**, or related CAHDD trademarks remains subject to applicable trademark law and may not falsely imply sponsorship, certification, endorsement, or organizational affiliation.

4. Permitted Use of Official CAHDD Graphics

You may use the Official CAHDD Graphics without charge in personal, professional, educational, nonprofit, and commercial work for the purpose of communicating an honest CAHDD Stage declaration.

You may:

- Apply an official icon, watermark, or circled Stage graphic directly to creative or technical work.
- Place an official graphic beside a signature, logo, byline, project credit, or other creator identity.
- Incorporate a circled Stage graphic into a personal signature, studio logo, company mark, or other “Creator’s Mark.”
- Resize official icons and watermarks proportionally.
- Recolor official graphics to coordinate with an artwork, document, product, or visual identity.



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- Adjust opacity, placement, and scale, provided the selected Stage remains legible and recognizable.
- Adapt the line weight, color, typography, scale, opacity, and placement of a circled Stage graphic when integrating it into a “Creator’s Mark,” provided the Stage number or X remains clear and is not used misleadingly.
- Use official graphics alongside written Stage designations, Unicode characters, signatures, logos, captions, transparency statements, metadata, Content Credentials, or other provenance systems.
- Combine two or more CAHDD display methods.
- Reproduce, publish, exhibit, distribute, or sell completed creative works and commercial materials containing an appropriately used CAHDD Stage indicator.

5. “Creator’s Mark” Integration

A CAHDD Stage indicator may be incorporated into an individual’s or organization’s existing identity.

The individual or organization retains ownership of its underlying signature, logo, artwork, name, and other original material. Incorporating an Official CAHDD Graphic does not transfer ownership of the creator’s underlying identity or work to CAHDD or 3DAllusions LLC.

Likewise, incorporation into another identity does not transfer ownership of the original CAHDD artwork or CAHDD trademarks to the user.

A “Creator’s Mark” must be applied or authorized by the individual or organization it claims to represent. It may not be used to falsely suggest that an identifiable creator, studio, team, or organization reviewed a work, approved its Stage, or accepted responsibility for it.

Use of a “Creator’s Mark” remains a voluntary declaration. It does not constitute certification or independent verification by CAHDD.

6. Redistribution of Official Packages

An official CAHDD download package may be shared in its complete, unmodified form, provided that:

- The complete package is included.
- This license remains included.
- The package is identified as an official CAHDD resource.
- No fee is charged specifically for the CAHDD assets.
- No person or organization claims authorship or ownership of the Official CAHDD Graphics.

Individual graphics may not be extracted and redistributed as a separate asset collection, incorporated into another downloadable graphics package, sold as stock assets, or relicensed to others.



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These restrictions do not prevent a creator or organization from distributing its own completed artwork, document, product, logo, “Creator’s Mark,” or promotional material containing a properly used CAHDD Stage indicator.

Modified CAHDD graphics may be used within the creator’s own work as permitted by this license, but they may not be redistributed as official CAHDD graphics or as replacements for the official CAHDD asset packages.

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You may not:

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- Present a modified or independently created graphic as an official CAHDD graphic.
- Use an Official CAHDD Graphic to knowingly misrepresent the creative process or declared Stage of a work.
- Use the graphics or CAHDD trademarks to imply certification, verification, sponsorship, endorsement, partnership, or approval by CAHDD or 3DAllusions LLC.
- Apply a “Creator’s Mark” without authorization from the individual or organization it claims to represent.
- Use the CAHDD name or Official CAHDD Graphics as the primary identity of another organization, product, service, or commercial transparency system.
- Remove this license from an official CAHDD package that is being redistributed.

Creators may develop their own Stage indicators, provided that those indicators are not presented as official CAHDD graphics and do not imitate the distinctive official CAHDD icon or watermark artwork in a manner likely to cause confusion.

8. Commercial Use

Official CAHDD Graphics may be incorporated into commercial artwork, music packaging, designs, publications, presentations, products, websites, portfolios, and other materials for the purpose of communicating a CAHDD Stage.

Creators may receive payment for works containing properly used CAHDD Stage indicators.

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9. Attribution

Attribution is appreciated but is not required on every work carrying a CAHDD Stage indicator.

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The Official CAHDD Graphics and other original CAHDD artwork remain the property of 3DAllusions LLC to the extent protected by applicable law.

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Use of a CAHDD Stage indicator does not transfer ownership of the work to which it is applied.

Use of CAHDD terminology for an honest Stage declaration does not, by itself, indicate sponsorship, endorsement, certification, or organizational affiliation.

11. Honor System and Recordkeeping

CAHDD operates on an honor system. Creators and organizations are responsible for selecting and honestly declaring the Stage that represents their process.

A Stage indicator is not independent evidence of how a work was created.

Creators are encouraged to retain reasonable supporting documentation, including work-in-progress files, drafts, layered source files, prompt logs, timestamps, metadata, project records, and process videos.

Supporting documentation may help substantiate a Stage declaration, authorship, and human contribution if questions arise from clients, contests, platforms, partners, or legal proceedings.

12. Digital Provenance

CAHDD Stage indicators may work alongside metadata, invisible watermarks, C2PA Content Credentials, and other machine-readable provenance systems.



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Digital provenance may document what happened to a file. A visible CAHDD Stage allows creators to communicate their account of the process.

13. No Warranty and Limitation of Responsibility

The CAHDD framework and Official CAHDD Graphics are provided “as is,” without warranties regarding fitness for a particular purpose, legal protection, platform acceptance, technical compatibility, or continued availability.

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, 3DAllusions LLC is not responsible for claims, disputes, losses, damages, or liabilities resulting from a user’s Stage selection, declaration, application of the graphics, or use of the CAHDD framework.

14. Termination

Rights granted under this license terminate if the user materially violates its terms.

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