

P4-REQ-21-11-001

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Statement

The Phase 0 Developer Handbook SHALL exist and receive approval before Phase 0 coding begins.

Source

Part 4, Section 21.11: Developer Handbook Requirements.

Rationale

The Developer Handbook establishes the development discipline that contributors must follow when producing Phase 0 implementation artifacts.

Requiring the handbook to exist and receive approval before coding begins prevents implementation work from proceeding without agreed rules for source structure, naming, logging, exception handling, traceability, repository workflow, and review.

Applies To

This requirement applies to:

- the Phase 0 Developer Handbook;
- Phase 0 contributors;
- hand-authored source code;
- generated artifacts;
- scripts and configuration artifacts; and
- implementation review activities.

Verification

Verification SHALL confirm that the Phase 0 Developer Handbook exists and has received approval before Phase 0 coding begins.

Verification activities should include review checks confirming that:

- the handbook exists;
- the handbook has an identifiable approval status;

- applicable contributor rules are defined; and
- baseline coding did not precede required handbook approval.

Traceability

This requirement establishes the approved development-discipline baseline for Phase 0 implementation work.

Related requirement identifiers:

- [P4-REQ-21-11-002](#)
- [P4-REQ-21-11-012](#)
- [P4-REQ-21-11-013](#)

Related source section:

- [21.11 Developer Handbook Requirements](#)

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