



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is EthixShield?

EthixShield is a non-custodial compliance infrastructure layer for the XRP Ledger. We enable issuers to convert off-chain KYC/AML outcomes into lightweight XLS-70 credentials that the ledger enforces instantly via XLS-80 Permissioned Domains, for gated RLUSD flows, tokenized RWAs, and regulated DeFi.

2. Is EthixShield a VASP or custodian?

No. EthixShield is software infrastructure only. We never hold assets, private keys, or raw personal data. Issuers retain full liability and control over all KYC/AML decisions.

3. How does EthixShield keep liability with the issuer?

All KYC/AML/accreditation/sanctions checks are performed off-chain by the issuer using their own approved tools. EthixShield only receives the outcome status (e.g. “verified” expiry date) after explicit human approval. The dashboard requires sign-off for every credential issuance, liability never shifts to us.

4. What data does EthixShield collect or store?

Only minimal, non-personal attributes: XRPL address, KYC status, expiry date, jurisdiction code, accreditation flag (optional), and, for premium Travel Rule, hashed originator/beneficiary data and VASP ID. Full PII (name, passport, address, DOB) stays off-chain with the issuer. This aligns with GDPR data minimisation principles.

5. Does EthixShield perform KYC/AML checks?

No. We do not perform, verify, or store KYC/AML data. Issuers use their existing processes and tools. EthixShield only facilitates attaching the approved outcome to the ledger.

6. How does enforcement work on the ledger?

XLS-80 Permissioned Domains are configured by the issuer to require a valid XLS-70 credential for any gated action (e.g. deposit, trade, transfer). The ledger checks this natively, no external oracle or middleware. Valid credential, transaction succeeds in 3–5 seconds. Invalid/expired, rejected with clear error code and on-chain audit trail.

7. What happens if a passport expires or is revoked?

The ledger automatically blocks the address from gated actions once the credential expires or is revoked. The issuer can re-issue a new passport via the dashboard if needed. No manual whitelist updates required.

8. How does the Travel Rule work in EthixShield?

Our premium Travel Rule module attaches originator/beneficiary data (hashed or encrypted) to the XLS-70 credential during issuance. The ledger enforces data presence for transfers above regulatory thresholds. Non-compliant transfers are rejected instantly. Risk scoring flags high-risk counterparties for manual review.



9. Is EthixShield compliant with GDPR, MiCA, FATF?

EthixShield is designed with GDPR data minimisation in mind (only outcome status on-chain). The Travel Rule module aligns with FATF Recommendation 16 and MiCA Transfer of Funds Regulation. We are pursuing SOC 2 Type 2, ISO 27001, and ISO 42001 certifications to further strengthen institutional trust.

10. Do I need to run my own XRPL node?

No. EthixShield connects to public XRPL testnet/mainnet nodes (or your preferred endpoint). No node operation required.

11. What is the difference between open-core and proprietary parts?

The core protocol (XLS-70 issuance schema, XLS-80 domain examples) is open-source (MIT licence) to drive XRPL ecosystem adoption. The dashboard, premium modules (AI, Travel Rule), analytics, and billing are proprietary SaaS, this is how we deliver scalable enterprise value.

12. Can I use EthixShield without your dashboard?

Yes, the core protocol is open-source. Technical users can issue credentials and configure domains directly via xrpl.js or rippled API. The dashboard provides the user-friendly interface, approval workflows, and premium features.

13. How do I get started?

Request early access or pilot participation via the form on our site. We offer free 3–6-month pilots for qualified issuers and platforms to test in testnet/mainnet environments.

14. Is EthixShield available on mainnet today?

We are in testnet MVP phase (March 2026). Mainnet launch is targeted for mid-2026, with pilot onboarding starting shortly after.

15. How do I contact support?

Email support@ethixshield.com or use the in-dashboard help section (available post-login).