

# Definica Terms of Service

DAO-governed Ethereum DeFi protocol for liquid staking, osETH utility, aEthosETH liquidity, validator-backed rewards, and future collateralized borrowing infrastructure.

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<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://definica.com">https://definica.com</a>
<b>Protocol</b>	Definica - Ethereum-native liquid staking and liquidity protocol
<b>Governance</b>	DAO-governed protocol structure
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:legal@definica.com">legal@definica.com</a>

# 1. Introduction and Protocol Overview

These Terms of Service govern your access to and use of the Definica website, interfaces, documentation, governance resources, future decentralized application, smart contract interaction flows, and any other services made available by or in connection with Definica.

Definica is an Ethereum-native decentralized finance protocol designed around liquid staking, staking-backed liquidity, osETH utility, Aave-compatible osETH liquidity flows, fixed-duration aEthosETH lock-ups, and future collateralized borrowing functionality.

Definica has operated in a private capacity since 2024 and is currently undergoing a rebranding process to operate publicly as a DAO-governed DeFi protocol focused on liquid staking services and related Ethereum liquidity infrastructure.

Definica is intended to be presented as an independent Ethereum-native protocol using StakeWise-compatible infrastructure and Aave-compatible liquidity mechanics. Unless expressly stated in an official Definica announcement, Definica is not the owner, operator, agent, representative, or official partner of StakeWise, Aave, Ethereum, or any other third-party protocol.

**Core protocol message: Stake ETH. Access osETH. Lock aEthosETH. Earn validator-backed and protocol rewards. Support osETH-based borrowing liquidity.**

## 2. Acceptance of These Terms

By accessing or using definica.com, any Definica interface, any Definica dApp, any Definica smart contract interaction flow, any governance interface, or any related service, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Terms.

If you do not agree to these Terms, you must not access or use the Website, the dApp, the Protocol, governance tools, or any other Definica service.

Your use of Definica may require a self-custody wallet, blockchain transaction signing, interaction with public Ethereum smart contracts, and payment of network gas fees. You use Definica at your own risk.

## 3. Definica DAO and Governance Status

Definica operates, or intends to operate, as a DAO-governed protocol. Certain decisions regarding the Protocol may be made through community governance, token holder governance, delegated voting, multisignature approvals, contributor committees, timelocks, automated execution, or other governance mechanisms approved by the Definica community.

DAO governance may determine, modify, or approve material parameters of the Protocol, including without limitation:

- minimum deposit or staking amounts;
- supported lock-up periods and lock-up mechanics;
- reward distribution rules, incentive budgets, and emission schedules;
- protocol fees, validator-related fees, and withdrawal-related parameters;
- accepted collateral assets and future borrowing parameters;
- risk parameters, liquidation rules, oracle configuration, and utilization thresholds;
- smart contract upgrades, migrations, emergency actions, and security controls;
- front-end access policies, restricted jurisdictions, and compliance processes.

Protocol parameters may change over time due to governance decisions, technical requirements, security events, market conditions, infrastructure limitations, legal requirements, or operational considerations.

References to Definica, we, us, or our include Definica DAO, the Definica protocol, any legal wrapper or entity designated by governance, the operator of the Website, authorized contributors, and relevant service providers, as applicable in context.

## 4. Definitions

For purposes of these Terms, the following definitions apply:

Term	Meaning
Definica	The Ethereum-native DeFi protocol, Website, interfaces, future dApp, governance resources, smart contract flows, and related infrastructure operating under the Definica brand.
Definica DAO	The decentralized governance structure through which eligible participants may participate in protocol governance, parameter setting, incentives, security decisions, and related matters.
Protocol	The smart contracts, interfaces, modules, liquidity systems, staking flows, reward flows, governance processes, and future borrowing functionality associated with Definica.
Website	The website located at definica.com and any official Definica subdomains.
dApp	The official future decentralized application interface for interacting with Definica smart contracts, staking, liquidity, rewards, lock-ups, governance, and future borrowing modules.
ETH	The native asset of the Ethereum network.
osETH	A liquid staking representation or staking exposure associated with StakeWise-compatible mechanics and referenced by Definica protocol flows.
aEthosETH	A representation of Aave-supplied osETH exposure or a similar position used to track user positions within Definica's liquidity module, subject to protocol rules.
StakeWise-compatible vault	A vault or staking mechanism designed to be compatible with StakeWise-style ETH staking infrastructure.
Aave-compatible flows	Liquidity flows or mechanics designed to be compatible with Aave-style supplied asset mechanics, without implying sponsorship, ownership, or official partnership.
Validator Rewards	Potential rewards generated by ETH staked through Definica's StakeWise-compatible vault on the Ethereum Beacon Chain, subject to protocol rules, fees, risks, and distribution logic.

## 5. Scope of Definica Services

Definica is designed to connect multiple Ethereum DeFi layers into an integrated protocol structure. Depending on the stage of launch, governance approvals, smart contract deployments, and jurisdictional availability, Definica may support or plan to support:

- ETH staking through a dedicated StakeWise-compatible vault;
- validator rewards generated through Ethereum Beacon Chain validator participation;
- osETH-based staking exposure and utility;
- Aave-compatible osETH liquidity flows;
- Aave-supplied osETH exposure represented as aEthosETH or a similar position;
- fixed-duration aEthosETH lock-ups inside Definica's main liquidity module;
- multi-layer rewards, including validator-backed rewards, native protocol incentives, future partner rewards, lock-duration multipliers, liquidity contribution rewards, and ecosystem campaign rewards;
- future borrowing against approved ETH-correlated collateral assets.

Definica does not guarantee that all features will be available at all times, in all jurisdictions, for all users, or in every version of the Website or dApp. Some features may be experimental, limited, private, in beta, under governance review, or marked as coming soon.

## 6. dApp Coming Soon

The Definica dApp is expected to provide the official interface for interacting with protocol smart contracts, depositing ETH, accessing osETH exposure, viewing aEthosETH balances, selecting lock-up periods, tracking validator-backed rewards, monitoring liquidity module utilization, and managing reward eligibility.

Until the official dApp is publicly launched, information on definica.com may be informational, technical, educational, promotional, or forward-looking. Any section marked coming soon does not guarantee that a feature will be deployed, launched, maintained, or made available by any specific date.

Definica may modify, delay, suspend, or discontinue any planned feature for security, governance, operational, market, or legal reasons.

## 7. Self-Custody and Blockchain Transactions

Definica is intended to be used with self-custody wallets. You are solely responsible for securing your wallet, private keys, seed phrase, devices, browser extensions, approvals, signatures, and access credentials.

Definica does not custody your private keys, seed phrases, wallet recovery data, or wallet credentials. Definica cannot reverse, cancel, refund, or modify any blockchain transaction that you sign and that is executed or recorded on Ethereum or any other supported network.

You are responsible for reviewing every transaction, approval, signature request, contract address, network, gas fee, and destination address before confirming it. If you lose access to your wallet, sign a malicious transaction, use a fake interface, interact with an incorrect address, or become a victim of phishing, Definica may be unable to recover your assets.

## 8. User Eligibility

By using Definica, you represent and warrant that:

- you are at least 18 years old or have reached the age of majority in your jurisdiction;
- you have the legal capacity to enter into these Terms;
- you are not located in, organized in, or ordinarily resident in a jurisdiction where use of Definica is prohibited;
- you are not subject to sanctions, export restrictions, or similar legal restrictions;
- you are not acting on behalf of a sanctioned person, restricted person, or prohibited entity;
- you will not use assets derived from illegal activity;
- your use of Definica complies with all laws, regulations, tax obligations, and contractual restrictions applicable to you.

Definica may restrict access to the Website, dApp, interface, documentation, or services for certain jurisdictions, addresses, users, networks, IP ranges, wallet addresses, or categories of risk. Front-end restrictions may not technically prevent direct interaction with public smart contracts, but any such interaction remains subject to these Terms and applicable law.

## 9. Prohibited Use

You must not use Definica for any unlawful, abusive, harmful, or prohibited activity, including without limitation:

- money laundering, terrorist financing, sanctions evasion, fraud, market manipulation, or illegal financial activity;
- using stolen funds, compromised wallets, ransomware proceeds, or assets derived from illegal activity;
- interfering with, disrupting, attacking, or degrading the Website, dApp, smart contracts, infrastructure, governance, or community channels;
- phishing, impersonation, social engineering, distribution of malware, or use of fake Definica interfaces;

- exploiting vulnerabilities outside a responsible disclosure or approved security testing process;
- Sybil attacks, wash activity, fake liquidity, or manipulation of reward eligibility;
- circumventing access restrictions, compliance screening, sanctions controls, or security measures;
- violating intellectual property rights, privacy rights, or any rights of third parties.

Definica may cooperate with security researchers, auditors, and white-hat contributors. Security research must be conducted responsibly, without harming users, assets, smart contracts, infrastructure, or the reputation of the Protocol.

## 10. Protocol Mechanics

### 10.1 ETH staking and osETH exposure

Users may be able to deposit ETH into a dedicated StakeWise-compatible staking vault. ETH deposited through the applicable protocol flow may be staked through the vault and participate in Ethereum Beacon Chain validator operations. The resulting staking exposure may be represented through osETH-related mechanics.

### 10.2 Aave-compatible flows and aEthosETH

osETH exposure may be routed into Aave-compatible liquidity flows. This may create Aave-supplied osETH exposure represented as aEthosETH or another protocol-defined position. aEthosETH may be used to track or represent the user's position in Definica's main liquidity module, subject to smart contract logic and governance-approved rules.

### 10.3 Main liquidity module

Definica's main liquidity module is intended to aggregate long-term osETH-linked liquidity, reward users who lock Aave-supplied osETH positions, distribute validator-backed and protocol-level rewards, improve liquidity depth for osETH-linked markets, and support future borrowing against ETH-correlated collateral assets.

### 10.4 Protocol loop

The intended protocol loop is: ETH staking -> Beacon Chain validator rewards -> osETH exposure -> Aave-compatible liquidity -> aEthosETH lock-ups -> liquidity module -> osETH borrowing against ETH-correlated collateral.

## 11. Minimum Stake and Lock-Up Periods

Unless the dApp, smart contracts, governance decisions, or official Definica notices state otherwise, the general minimum stake is 0.1 ETH.

Definica may support the following fixed-duration lock-up periods:

- 30 days
- 60 days
- 90 days
- 180 days
- 365 days

The lock-up period selected by a user may affect reward eligibility across several layers, including validator reward allocation, native protocol incentives, partner rewards, lock-duration multipliers, and liquidity contribution-based rewards.

Once a position is locked, early unlocking may be unavailable unless the applicable smart contracts and protocol rules expressly allow it. You should review the selected lock-up period, unlock date, liquidity conditions, withdrawal requirements, gas costs, and technical risks before confirming any transaction.

## 12. Rewards, APR, and No Guaranteed Returns

Definica's reward model may be multi-layered, variable, and non-guaranteed. Users who lock aEthosETH may receive rewards from one or more of the following layers:

- validator rewards generated by ETH staked through Definica's StakeWise-compatible vault on the Beacon Chain;
- Definica native protocol token incentives;
- future partner token distributions;
- lock-duration-based reward multipliers;
- liquidity contribution rewards;
- liquidity module utilization incentives;
- potential ecosystem campaign rewards.

Any APR, APY, APR-equivalent, yield, expected reward, projected reward, or incentive range is only an estimate and is not guaranteed. Any indicative target APR-equivalent range, including an approximate 3% to 12% range during planned incentive campaigns, is variable and may change or may not be achieved.

Actual rewards may be lower, higher, zero, delayed, reduced, forfeited, or negatively affected by validator performance, slashing, Beacon Chain rewards, StakeWise-compatible vault conditions, Aave-compatible market conditions, liquidity module utilization, emissions schedules, partner incentive availability, protocol fees, lock-up duration, user contribution size, market volatility, smart contract accounting, oracle data, governance decisions, and regulatory restrictions.

Definica does not guarantee any profit, income, yield, APR, APY, reward, token value, asset value, peg, liquidity, redemption availability, withdrawal timing, or continued availability of any incentive program.

## 13. Validator Rewards and Slashing Risk

ETH deposited through Definica's staking flow may participate in validator operations on the Ethereum Beacon Chain through a StakeWise-compatible vault. Validator rewards may be generated, but they are not guaranteed.

Validator operations involve technical, operational, network, consensus, and slashing risks. Slashing, inactivity penalties, validator errors, infrastructure outages, withdrawal delays, configuration mistakes, Ethereum protocol changes, or third-party failures may reduce rewards or the value of a user's position.

Users who lock aEthosETH inside Definica's liquidity module may be eligible to receive a portion of validator-backed rewards according to protocol-defined distribution rules. Such rewards depend on actual staking performance, applicable fees, losses, risk events, and governance-approved allocation logic.

## 14. Future Borrowing Module

Definica may in the future implement a borrow-against-collateralized-assets system. This system is expected to allow approved ETH-correlated collateral assets to be used to borrow osETH or osETH-linked liquidity under protocol-defined risk parameters.

Borrowing functionality may involve risks related to collateral valuation, oracle failure, liquidation, interest rates, borrow limits, loan-to-value ratios, market volatility, liquidity shortages, liquidation penalties, liquidation bots, governance updates, and regulatory restrictions.

Until officially launched, any information about borrowing functionality is forward-looking and does not guarantee deployment, availability, pricing, or specific risk parameters.

## 15. Third-Party Protocols and Infrastructure

Definica may use, integrate with, reference, or be compatible with third-party protocols, tools, and infrastructure, including Ethereum, the Beacon Chain, StakeWise-compatible infrastructure, Aave-compatible mechanics, wallet providers, RPC providers, oracle providers, analytics providers, block explorers, hosting providers, security tools, and other Web3 services.

Definica does not control third-party protocols or providers. Your use of third-party services may be subject to separate terms, privacy policies, fees, limitations, and risks.

Definica is not responsible for third-party downtime, exploit, hack, liquidity failure, oracle failure, bridge failure, RPC failure, validator failure, governance actions, depeg events, smart contract bugs, market losses, or other failures of third-party systems.

## 16. Fees, Gas, and Taxes

Use of Definica may involve Ethereum gas fees, protocol fees, staking-related fees, validator-related fees, liquidity module fees, withdrawal fees, third-party protocol fees, slippage, liquidation costs, exchange costs, taxes, and other costs displayed in the dApp or imposed by smart contracts or third-party systems.

Gas fees are paid to the Ethereum network or relevant network participants, not to Definica. Definica does not control gas fees and does not refund gas fees for failed, delayed, reverted, canceled, or unfavorable transactions.

You are solely responsible for determining, reporting, and paying any taxes arising from staking, rewards, token incentives, liquidity positions, lock-ups, borrowing, swaps, redemptions, unlocks, airdrops, or other transactions. Definica does not provide tax advice.

## 17. Risks and No Advice

Use of Definica involves significant risk. You may lose some or all of your assets. Risks include, without limitation:

- smart contract bugs, integration failures, technical errors, or protocol design flaws;
- validator slashing, inactivity penalties, Beacon Chain risk, and Ethereum network risk;
- osETH or aEthosETH depeg, discount, liquidity shortage, or withdrawal delay;
- oracle manipulation, market volatility, MEV, and liquidation risk;
- governance attacks, malicious proposals, multisig compromise, or failed upgrades;
- phishing, fake front-ends, DNS compromise, RPC manipulation, malware, or wallet compromise;
- regulatory restrictions, sanctions screening, tax uncertainty, or jurisdictional limitations;
- lack of insurance and irreversible blockchain transactions.

Nothing published by Definica is financial, investment, legal, tax, accounting, or regulatory advice. Definica does not recommend that you buy, sell, stake, lock, borrow, lend, or use any asset. You must make your own independent decisions and consult professional advisers where appropriate.

## 18. Security, Audits, and Responsible Disclosure

Definica may conduct smart contract audits, security reviews, formal verification, monitoring, bug bounty programs, emergency reviews, or other security measures. No audit, security review, bug bounty, or statement that a contract is audited guarantees that Definica is free from vulnerabilities, exploits, bugs, or losses.

If you discover a vulnerability, you should report it responsibly through the official Definica security channel at [security@definica.com](mailto:security@definica.com) or another disclosure channel published by Definica. You must not exploit, disclose, or use the vulnerability in a way that harms users, assets, infrastructure, or the Protocol.

## 19. Intellectual Property

The Definica name, brand, logo, Website design, interface design, text, graphics, documentation, marketing materials, and other content may be protected by intellectual property rights. You may not copy, modify, distribute, commercialize, or impersonate Definica branding without authorization, except where content is released under an applicable open-source or community license.

Smart contract code, if published as open source, will be governed by the license stated in the relevant repository. Names and trademarks of third-party protocols, including StakeWise, Aave, and Ethereum, belong to their respective owners.

## 20. Community, Governance, and User Submissions

If you participate in governance, community channels, proposals, bug reports, feedback, or public discussions, you are responsible for the information you submit. Public governance activity may reveal wallet addresses, votes, delegations, proposal activity, transaction history, and other on-chain or off-chain information.

By submitting feedback, suggestions, bug reports, or improvement proposals, you grant Definica a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to use that submission for protocol development, security, governance, documentation, and community purposes, unless a separate written agreement states otherwise.

## 21. Disclaimers of Warranties

Definica, the Website, the dApp, the Protocol, smart contracts, governance tools, documentation, reward systems, integrations, and all related services are provided on an as is and as available basis.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Definica disclaims all warranties, whether express, implied, statutory, or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, title, non-infringement, availability, security, reliability, accuracy, and uninterrupted operation.

Definica does not warrant that the Website, dApp, smart contracts, rewards, integrations, or any third-party services will be error-free, secure, available, profitable, liquid, compliant with your jurisdiction, or free from exploits.

## 22. Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Definica, Definica DAO, contributors, developers, governance participants, token holders, website operators, infrastructure providers, auditors, partners, and related persons are not liable for indirect, incidental, special, punitive, exemplary, consequential, or similar damages, or for lost profits, lost rewards, lost data, lost assets, loss of use, loss of goodwill, gas costs, taxes, market losses, slashing, depeg events, exploits, hacks, downtime, governance actions, or third-party failures.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the total liability of Definica to you will not exceed the greater of USD 100 or the amount of protocol fees actually paid by you directly to Definica during the three months before the event giving rise to the claim. This limitation does not apply where prohibited by mandatory law.

## 23. Indemnification

You agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Definica, Definica DAO, contributors, developers, governance participants, website operators, infrastructure providers, partners, service providers, and related persons from and against any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, penalties, costs, and expenses arising from or related to:

- your use of Definica;
- your breach of these Terms;
- your violation of applicable law;
- your prohibited use or misuse of the Protocol;

- your violation of third-party rights;
- activity conducted through your wallet, address, account, device, or credentials.

## 24. Suspension, Restrictions, and Termination

Definica may restrict, suspend, or terminate access to the Website, dApp, API, front-end, documentation, community channels, or other services when Definica determines that such action is appropriate for security, legal, regulatory, sanctions, technical, operational, or governance reasons.

Because certain smart contracts may be public and decentralized, Definica may be unable to prevent direct interactions with those contracts through third-party interfaces. Such interactions remain subject to these Terms and applicable law.

## 25. Privacy

Definica's processing of personal data and technical information is described in the Definica Privacy Policy. By using Definica, you acknowledge that blockchain transactions are public and that Definica may not be able to delete, modify, or hide information recorded on public blockchains.

## 26. Changes to These Terms

Definica may update these Terms from time to time. Updated Terms will be posted on [definica.com](https://definica.com) or another official Definica channel. The updated Terms will be effective when posted unless they state a different effective date.

Your continued use of Definica after updated Terms are posted means that you accept the updated Terms. If you do not agree, you must stop using Definica.

## 27. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

The governing law, dispute resolution forum, and legal wrapper or entity details may be designated by Definica DAO governance or by an official Definica legal notice. Until such designation is published, these Terms are intended to be interpreted to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and do not limit any mandatory rights that cannot be waived.

Any dispute, claim, or controversy relating to Definica should first be raised with Definica through the legal contact below so the parties can attempt to resolve the matter informally. Nothing in these Terms prevents Definica from seeking injunctive or equitable relief where appropriate.

## 28. Contact

For questions regarding these Terms, contact Definica through the following official channels:

Purpose	Contact
Legal	<a href="mailto:legal@definica.com">legal@definica.com</a>
Security	<a href="mailto:security@definica.com">security@definica.com</a>
Privacy	<a href="mailto:privacy@definica.com">privacy@definica.com</a>
Website	<a href="https://definica.com">https://definica.com</a>