

VERSE Terms of Service

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1. Acceptance of terms

By creating an account or using VERSE (the "Service"), you agree to these Terms of Service ("Terms"). If you don't agree, please don't use the Service.

2. What VERSE is

VERSE is a collaboration platform that helps musicians find each other, communicate, share files, track credits, and finish songs together. VERSE provides the platform — VERSE does not create, own, produce, or take responsibility for the music or other content that users create using it.

3. Eligibility

- You must be at least 18 years old to use VERSE.
- You must provide accurate information when creating your account.
- You may not impersonate another person or misrepresent your affiliation with any person or entity.
- One account per person; you're responsible for keeping your login credentials secure.

4. Your account

You're responsible for all activity that happens under your account. Notify us immediately at [SUPPORT EMAIL] if you believe your account has been compromised.

5. User content

You own your content. Any music, lyrics, audio, images, or other material you upload or create ("User Content") remains yours.

License to VERSE. By posting User Content, you grant VERSE a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to host, store, display, and transmit that content solely for the purpose of operating and providing the Service (e.g. showing your uploads to project collaborators, displaying completed projects on your public profile).

Your responsibility. You're solely responsible for your User Content and must have the rights to share anything you upload. You may not upload content that:

- Infringes someone else's copyright, trademark, or other rights
- Is illegal, harassing, hateful, or sexually explicit
- Contains malware or is intended to harm the Service or other users

6. Collaboration between users

VERSE facilitates connections between musicians but is not a party to any creative or business arrangement you make with another user. This includes:

- Agreements about songwriting credit, royalties, or revenue splits
- Ownership of the finished work
- Any other terms you agree between yourselves

We strongly recommend collaborators discuss and agree on ownership, credit, and compensation terms directly, ideally in writing, before or during a project. VERSE's in-app credit tags and Ready-up system are tools to help organize this, but are not a legal contract and don't override any separate agreement you make.

VERSE is not responsible for resolving disputes between collaborators, including disagreements over credit, contribution, or use of a finished work after a project ends.

7. Reviews and ratings

Reviews and ratings given to other users must be honest, based on genuine collaboration, and not manipulated (e.g. fake accounts, review trading). We reserve the right to remove reviews or suspend accounts that violate this.

8. Prohibited conduct

You agree not to:

- Harass, threaten, or abuse other users
- Post spam or unauthorized advertising
- Attempt to access another user's account without permission
- Use automated tools to scrape or interact with the Service
- Circumvent any security or access controls

9. Intellectual property (VERSE's own)

The VERSE name, logo, and platform design are owned by [COMPANY LEGAL NAME]. Nothing in these Terms grants you rights to use our branding without permission.

10. Copyright infringement

If you believe content on VERSE infringes your copyright, see our separate Copyright Policy for how to submit a notice.

11. Termination

You may delete your account at any time. We may suspend or terminate your account if you violate these Terms, misuse the Service, or for any other reason at our discretion, with notice where reasonably possible.

12. Disclaimers

The Service is provided "as is" without warranties of any kind. We don't guarantee that VERSE will be uninterrupted, error-free, or that any collaboration will result in a successfully completed or commercially viable song.

13. Limitation of liability

To the maximum extent permitted by law, VERSE and [COMPANY LEGAL NAME] are not liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from your use of the Service, including disputes between users, lost content, or lost opportunities.

Note: liability clauses are jurisdiction-sensitive (UK consumer protection law limits what you can disclaim differently than US law) — this needs specific legal review before launch.

14. Governing law

Note: this is the section most in need of legal advice given a simultaneous UK + US launch. You'll likely need to decide either a single governing law and dispute resolution process, or separate terms for UK/EU users vs. US users. Do not finalize this section without a lawyer's input.

[PLACEHOLDER: These Terms are governed by the laws of [JURISDICTION].]

15. Changes to these terms

We may update these Terms from time to time. Continued use of the Service after changes take effect means you accept the updated Terms.

16. Contact us

Questions about these Terms:

[SUPPORT EMAIL]

[COMPANY ADDRESS]

Before publishing: fill in the remaining bracketed placeholders (company legal name, support email, company address), decide your governing law / dispute resolution approach for a dual UK+US launch (Section 14 — highest priority for legal review), and have the full document reviewed by a lawyer familiar with both UK and US consumer/tech law before going live. The minimum age to use VERSE has been set at 18 and is reflected throughout this document.