THE PARTNER INTEGRATION TEST

Your API works.

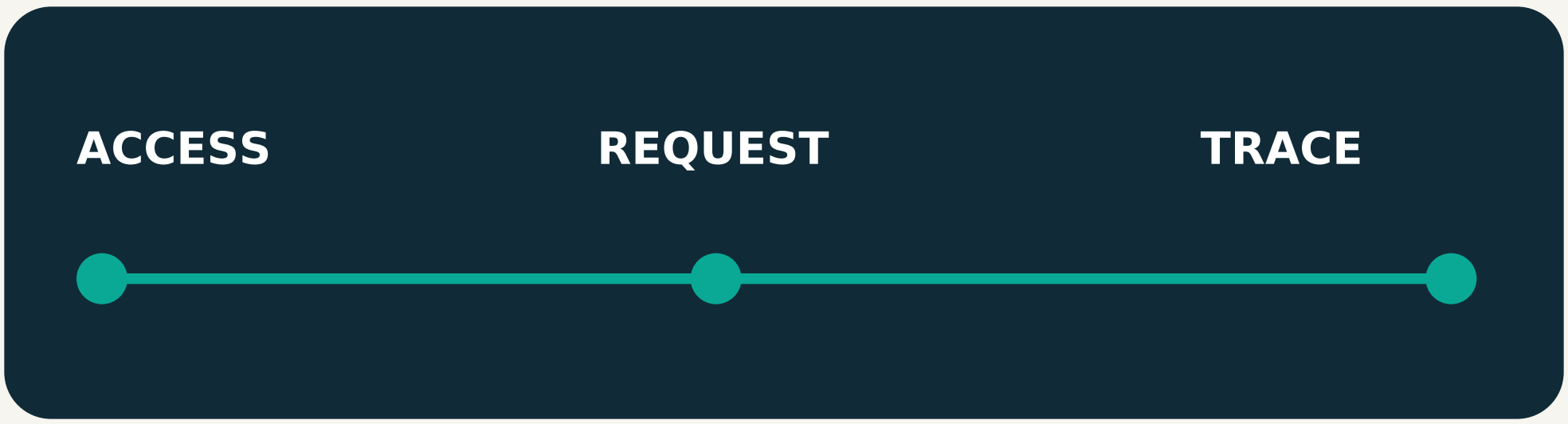
Can a partner use it?

The question that exposes friction before the first payment reaches production.

THE METRIC

Measure time to first successful test transaction.

Start the clock when a partner receives sandbox access. Stop when they can complete and trace a test payment.



Every delay along this path affects the launch.

01 / FIRST REQUEST

Can they get a working response?

Give developers a clear authentication flow, a current API reference, and a request they can run immediately.

The test

A new partner can authenticate and send a valid sandbox request without a support call.

Why it matters

A confusing first request creates emails before the integration has even begun.

02 / FAILURE HANDLING

What happens when the call fails?

Document errors, timeouts, retry limits, and idempotency with examples that match real behaviour.

The test

A partner can distinguish a safe retry from a request that may already have moved money.

Why it matters

Unclear failure states create duplicate risk and costly manual investigation.

03 / WEBHOOKS

Can they trust the callback?

Show how to verify signatures, handle delayed delivery, and process duplicate events safely.

The test

The partner can replay a test event and still arrive at one correct transaction state.

Why it matters

A successful API call is only part of the journey; asynchronous outcomes need clear rules.

04 / TRACEABILITY

Can both teams find the same payment?

Connect request IDs, partner references, payout status, and settlement records end to end.

The test

Support and finance can follow one test transaction without searching across disconnected systems.

Why it matters

Shared evidence turns an ambiguous payout question into a resolvable case.

05 / GO-LIVE READINESS

Does everyone agree it is ready?

Use one acceptance checklist across engineering, operations, finance, and compliance.

The test

Each team knows the expected behaviour for success, failure, recovery, and reconciliation.

Why it matters

A clean sandbox demo should lead to a controlled production launch.

How long does your first test transaction take?

If the answer is hard to measure, map the path from sandbox access to a reconciled test payout.

Where does partner onboarding stall most often on your platform?

Let us compare notes in the comments.