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Central chain lookup

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6. Look up a hash on the central Verae chain

Zapier search: **Find Timestamp by SHA256**.

Middleware: `GET /zapier/v1/hashes/{sha256}`.

This asks the **main Verae chain** (or its mock) whether that digest was **itemized** as its own seal.

Result	Meaning
One record, <code>exists: true</code> , <code>itemizedOnMainChain: true</code>	This hash has its own certificate. Use <code>jobId / receipts[0]</code> .
Empty / <code>exists: false</code>	Not itemized on the main chain. It may still exist as a leaf of a bulk summary — use tree-node lookup .

Searches in Zapier must return a list. Zero hits is a miss (the Zap can follow the “not found” path). Errors other than 404 fail the step.

When central lookup is the right tool

- You registered with **Create Timestamp** (single item).
- You stored the `sha256` from that Zap and want to confirm the seal later.
- You are verifying someone else’s **itemized** hash (they gave you 64 hex chars that they sealed individually).

When it is the wrong tool

- The hash was submitted in **Create Batch Timestamps**. The chain stored the Merkle **root**, not this leaf. Central lookup will miss. Continue to tree nodes.