

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC)

The Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC) is the administrator of the Bedding Industry Stewardship Scheme (the Scheme). Membership of the ABSC is open to businesses and organisations that will contribute to the activities and outcomes of the Scheme.

ABSC members are committed to demonstrating leadership in the responsible and ethical management of mattresses and bedding products throughout their lifecycle and comply with the ABSC Code of Conduct.

Membership categories

The Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC) membership has three categories. The categories and fees are outlined in the tables on page 2.

Associate Members are entitled to participate in general meetings, sub-committees and to use the Scheme brand as set out in the ABSC Brand Guidelines. They do not have voting rights. Associate members must sign and abide by the ABSC Code of Conduct.

Mattress Recyclers are not eligible for membership. They are eligible for ABSC approval. Please refer to the Recyclers page on the ABSC website.

How to Apply

To apply to become an Associate Member please complete the Membership Application form on page 3 and read and sign a copy of the ABSC Code of Conduct. An authorised officer must also read and accept the Scheme Guidelines 08/2021.

If you have any questions or to request a copy of the Code of Conduct or Scheme Guidelines please contact us at membership@beddingstewardship.org.au or call 02 8076 9325.

Return your Associate Membership Application and signed copy of the Code of Conduct via email to membership@beddingstewardship.org.au.

Membership is subject to approval by the ABSC Board.

The Scheme cannot function without members and we thank you for your application.



ABSC Membership Categories

Tier 1

- 1.1 Australian manufacturers of mattresses
- 1.2 Importers of mattresses to the Australian market
- 1.3 Australian retailers of mattresses
- 1.4 Online retailers of mattresses or direct to consumer manufacturers

Tier 2

- 2.1 Upstream mattress material suppliers
- 2.2 Downstream component recyclers

Tier 3 - Associate Membership

Available to organisations that contribute to the Scheme. For example: Local and State Government, Commercial and health accommodation sectors, Associations, Charity and Sustainability organisations. Associate members do not have voting rights.

ABSC Membership fees as at June 2022

Business Turnover from bedding	Membership fee per year excluding GST	Membership fee due date
Tier 1 and Tier 2		
\$100M+	\$30K per year	100% of the membership fee is due to be paid on 30 June each year or within 30 days of receipt of an invoice. ¹
\$50M-<\$100M	\$15K per year	
\$25M-<\$50M	\$10K per year	
\$10m <\$25M	\$5K per year	
<\$10M	\$2,500 per year	
Tier 1.3 Retailers		
Per participating store	\$500	30 June annually
< \$10M turnover	\$2500 per year	
Tier 3 Associate Membership		

Currently no membership fee applies. This may change with implementation of an expanded Scheme.

1. The ABSC Board may agree to periodic payments in special circumstances

Associate Membership Application Form

Organisation Category		
Registered Business Name		
Business ABN		
Business Address		
Applicant's First Name		
Surname		
Position/title		
Email		
Phone (Business)	(Mobile)	
Website		
Why do you want to join the ABSC?		
What will your organisation contribute to the Scheme?		
Name and title of person who will be responsible for signing this application to participate in the Scheme		
Authorised signature <i>For further information about how to insert a Digital ID, please click here.</i>	Date	

Council

How many end-of-life mattresses are you currently collecting or receiving per year?	
What is your collection process? How are you currently processing the mattresses? (e.g. landfill, shredding, manual deconstruction)	
Who is currently under contract to process the mattresses?	
What materials are you recovering from the mattress?	
Do you have local markets for the recovered materials? <i>If so please elaborate.</i>	



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Accomodation Sectors

How many end-of-life mattresses are you currently managing per year?	
How are you currently manging the end-of -life mattresses (e.g. donated to charitable organisations, landfilled, collected for recycling, incinerated etc.)	

Charity Organisations

How many end-of-life mattresses are you currently collecting or receiving per year?	
Which organisations do you have agreements with to receive their replacement or early return mattresses?	
What is your collection process?	
What are you currently doing with the mattresses? (e.g. re-use, refurbish, re-skin, 2nd hand sale)	

Ensure you read the ABSC Code of Conduct and return a signed copy with your completed application form to membership@beddingstewardship.org.au

- Check this box to give permission to the ABSC to contact you regarding membership.
- Check this box to give permission to the ABSC to publicly acknowledge your application to join the Scheme (business name only in media and on Recycle My Mattress/ABSC).
- Check this box to give permission to the ABSC to add you to their database and send you member communications.
- I confirm that my organisation has read and will comply with the Scheme Guidelines and Code of Conduct. We also agree to sign a Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Scheme Administrator, ABSC, on acceptance of our membership.

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