

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.

If your business or organisation meets the Associate Membership category (Tier 3), do not use this application form. Please download the Associate Membership Application Form from the ABSC website.

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 a member of the ABSC, complete the Membership Application form on page 3 and read and sign the 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 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 and is effective when payment of the membership fee is received.

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. Use the Associate Membership Application form to apply.

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	Tier 1: Membership fees are pro rata for the remaining 2022/23 financial year and will cease from 30 June 2023.
\$50M-<\$100M	\$15K per year	
\$25M-<\$50M	\$10K per year	Tier 2: 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
\$10m <\$25M	\$5K per year	
<\$10M	\$2,500 per year	
Tier 1.3 Retailers		
Per participating store	\$500	Tier 1: Membership fees are pro rata for the remaining 2022/23 financial year and will cease from 30 June 2023.
< \$10M turnover	\$2500 per year	
Tier 3 Associate Membership		

Currently no membership fee applies. This may change with implementation of the Scheme in 2023.

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



Membership Application Form

To apply for Associate Membership download the Associate Membership Application form from the ABSC website

Member Category <i>(Refer to the Membership Categories table on page 2)</i>	
Annual AUD turnover from bedding OR No. stores eligible (for retail) OR No. beds (commercial)* if applicable.	
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

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.

