

# Associate Membership

## Application Form

### Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC)

The Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC) is the administrator of the Bedding 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

ABSC membership has three categories. The categories and fees are outlined 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 Associate Membership. They are eligible for ABSC Approval. Please refer to the Recycling page on the ABSC website.

### How to Apply

1. Contact us at [membership@beddingstewardship.org.au](mailto:membership@beddingstewardship.org.au) for a copy of the Scheme Guidelines and ABSC Code of Conduct.
2. An authorised officer must read and accept the Scheme Guidelines and sign the Code of Conduct.
3. Complete the Associate Membership Application Form on pages 3 and 4.
4. Return the completed application form and signed copy of the ABSC Code of Conduct via email to [membership@beddingstewardship.org.au](mailto:membership@beddingstewardship.org.au)
5. The ABSC team will review the application and contact the applicant if further information is required.

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 – Supply Chain Membership

Bedding material supply chain such as foam, textile and steel suppliers.

### Tier 3 – Associate Membership

Available to organisations that contribute to the Scheme such as component recyclers (carpet underlay manufacturers and scrap metal recyclers), local and state Government, commercial and health accommodation sectors, associations, charitable 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
<b>Tier 1 and Tier 2</b>		
\$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. <sup>1</sup>
\$50M-<\$100M	\$15K per year	
\$25M-<\$50M	\$10K per year	
\$10m <\$25M	\$5K per year	
<\$10M	\$2,500 per year	
<b>Tier 1.3 Retailers</b>		
Per participating store < \$10M turnover	\$500 \$2500 per year	30 June annually
<b>Tier 3 Associate Membership</b>		

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

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

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Organisation Type e.g Council, carpet underlay manufacturer, charitable organisation		
Registered Business Name		
Business ABN		
Business Address		
Applicant's name		
Position/title		
Email		
Phone (Business)	(Mobile)	
Website		
Why do you want to join the ABSC?		
What will your organisation contribute to the Bedding Stewardship Scheme?		
Name and title of person who will be responsible for signing this application		

<p><b>Authorised signature</b></p> <p><i>For further information about how to insert a Digital ID, please click here.</i></p>		<p>Date</p>
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**Council**

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

### Accommodation Sectors

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

### Charitable 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](mailto: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.