Membership Application Form

As a Member, you will:

- Demonstrate to customers and stakeholders that you are actively addressing key sustainability issues in your supply chain and production processes
- Participate in working groups developing ResponsibleSteel standards
- Vote on the adoption of final ResponsibleSteel standards (Full Members only)
- Attend ResponsibleSteel membership meetings
- Attend the ResponsibleSteel Annual General Meeting
- Vote on the ResponsibleSteel Constitution

Membership Fees

The annual membership fees we charge all of our members are our main source of revenue. Your contribution helps support the good governance and operations of a globally recognised international standard, allowing us to develop standards, engage with decision-makers, and work alongside other organisations.

A range of membership fees are applicable depending on the type, size and/or purpose of an organisation. For organisations that are commercially active in the steel supply chain, annual membership fees are determined by annual turnover/revenue:

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Please note that where applicable, fees are to be paid annually to remain a Member of ResponsibleSteel.

Renewal membership Invoices are sent out in December for payment in January. For any members joining throughout the year, there is a 50% reduction for approved members from 1 July – 31 December in the year of joining.

Please note, should a Member wish to give notice to resign, membership would cease 90 days from the date of receipt by ResponsibleSteel of the notice as per Article 6.10 of ResponsibleSteel’s Constitution. If notice is given later than October 3, the Member remains liable for payment of the membership fee for the following year in addition to any other sum owing to ResponsibleSteel at the time of cessation.

Membership fees reflect a member’s annual revenue. Members are asked to submit any changes in revenue which might impact a change in membership fee. Membership fees are subject to revision at the discretion of the ResponsibleSteel Board. Additional fees apply for steelmaking sites pursuing certification against the ResponsibleSteel International Standard.

Membership Commitments

*By-law passed by the ResponsibleSteel Board on 8\(^{th}\) December 2021.*

By applying for ResponsibleSteel membership an organisation commits to a) support the ResponsibleSteel Programme and b) to drive positive change through the recognition and use of responsible steel.

A. Support the ResponsibleSteel Programme

ResponsibleSteel Business, Civil Society and Associate Members support the achievement of the ResponsibleSteel vision and mission by:

- Communicating the organisation’s membership of ResponsibleSteel internally and to external partners and stakeholders, for example through the correct use of the ResponsibleSteel Trademark and Member Logo on the organisation’s website and in appropriate fora and discussions;
- Supporting ResponsibleSteel’s ethos of collaboration by actively sharing knowledge and expertise with ResponsibleSteel and other ResponsibleSteel Members.

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• Participating constructively in the discussion and development of ResponsibleSteel international standards and policies, for example through:
  o Participation in webinars on issues of interest,
  o Review and submission of comments on draft ResponsibleSteel international standards and policies,
  o Participation where applicable in votes on the approval of ResponsibleSteel international standards;

B. Drive Positive Change Through the Recognition and Use of Responsible Steel

ResponsibleSteel Business, Civil Society and Associate Members commit to:

• Recognize the ResponsibleSteel Standard as a credible international standard for the responsible production of steel;
• Develop a plan or strategy to support the uptake of the ResponsibleSteel International Standard by steelmakers within a 3-year time frame. The following initial commitments could be applicable:
  o Steelmaking businesses: to start the certification process of at least one steelmaking site against the ResponsibleSteel International Standard within one year of joining ResponsibleSteel.
  o Downstream businesses: to specify and/or communicate its interest in sourcing ResponsibleSteel certified material upon obtaining membership to ResponsibleSteel through direct outreach, external communications or other relevant methods.
  o Mining businesses: to start an independent audit against a mine-level assurance standard recognised by ResponsibleSteel for at least one mine site within one year of joining ResponsibleSteel and an applicable certification scheme being recognized by ResponsibleSteel.
  o Finance and investment sector businesses: to recognise certification of compliance with the ResponsibleSteel International Standard as a relevant indicator for decision-making for lending/investment to steelmakers within one year of joining and certification becoming available.
• Provide ResponsibleSteel with information on the member’s plan or strategy, including achievement of the initial commitments and further progress.

This will take the form of a Progress Letter submitted to ResponsibleSteel at least every two years including a statement of support from the company signatory as well as a brief narrative on relevant actions demonstrating the commitments are being followed.
Application Form

There are several steps to become a ResponsibleSteel member:

- Complete and submit the application form, this will have to be signed by a senior representative;
- The ResponsibleSteel Board will review your application;
- Membership will be confirmed following Board approval;
- Upon fee payment your membership will be officially announced.

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| Do you require a Purchase Order Number? | ☐ Yes  
☐ No |
| Business Activities (for Business membership applications) | ☐ Steelmaking  
☐ Automotive and Transport  
☐ Construction  
☐ Energy Sector  
☐ Finance Sector  
☐ Infrastructure  
☐ Mining  
☐ Packaging  
☐ Scrap Metal  
☐ Secondary Processing |
| Principal Areas of Work (for Civil Society membership applications) | ☐ Biodiversity  
☐ Impacts of Steelmaking  
☐ Business Integrity  
☐ Labour Rights  
☐ Emissions, Effluent, Waste  
☐ Legacy Impacts  
☐ Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
☐ Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples  
☐ Human Rights  
☐ Occupational Health and Safety  
☐ Impacts of Mining  
☐ Water Stewardship |
| Principal Areas of Work (for Associate membership applications) | ☐ Assurance  
☐ Standards  
☐ Business Association  
☐ Technical Support  
☐ Funding and Financial Support  
☐ Other |
Please indicate whether you support each of the 13 ResponsibleSteel International Standard Principles by ticking the relevant box:

- [ ] Corporate Leadership
- [ ] Social, Environmental and Governance Management Systems
- [ ] Responsible Sourcing of Input Materials
- [ ] Decommissioning and Closure
- [ ] Occupational Health and Safety
- [ ] Labour Rights
- [ ] Human Rights
- [ ] Stakeholder Engagement and Communication
- [ ] Local Communities
- [ ] Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- [ ] Noise, Emissions, Effluents, and Waste
- [ ] Water Stewardship
- [ ] Biodiversity

How did you learn about ResponsibleSteel?

- [ ] From the RS Board or Secretariat
- [ ] From a current member organisation
- [ ] At an event
- [ ] Online
- [ ] Other, please specify:

**Declaration and Signature**

Declaration - I have read and agree to comply with the:

- [ ] Constitution and associated by-laws
- [ ] Antitrust Policy
- [ ] Issues Resolution System
- [ ] Trademark Rules

Signature:

Date:

Once you have completed and signed your membership application form, please submit it via our [website](#) or via email to membership@responsiblesteel.org.