

2017 TE Certification Fee Structure

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Textile Exchange (TE) contracts with certification bodies to perform certifications in accordance with TE standards. The certification body is charged a fee for each site or day spent auditing sites in the case of the RDS and RWS. The certification body sets and charges its own fees, which may or may not include the site or audit day fee charged by TE. It is up to the certification body whether they pass on any fees to clients.

Below are the fees in U.S. dollars for each standard in 2017.

TE Standard Logo	TE Standard Name	Site Fee in USD	Farm Audit Day Fee in USD
	Content Claim Standard (CCS)	100	N/A
	Organic Content Standard (OCS)	150	N/A
	Recycled Claim Standard (RCS)	200	N/A
	Global Recycled Standard (GRS)	300*	N/A
	Responsible Down Standard (RDS)	250	150
	Responsible Wool Standard (RWS)	250**	200

The site fee applies to every certified site, defined in the Content Claim Standard as “A single functional unit of an Organization or a combination of units situated at one physical location, which is geographically distinct from other units of the same Organization.”

* For each site certified to the GRS v3, the CB shall pay TE 300 USD. The exception are additional units that are covered by the same company Scope Certificate, in which case the CB shall pay TE 200 USD for each of these additional certified sites. The purpose of this is to control costs by preventing a single company from paying an additional 300 for each of their functional units that they own and are certified in the same visit. The CB shall not charge their client more than the 200 USD for these additional sites. Extenuating circumstances for a particular site can be brought to Textile Exchange for further discussion.

**The RWS site fee applies to single farm site certification as well the Group Certification scope certificate holder.

Brand Network Certification (BNC) Fees

For each Brand certified in accordance with the BNC Exemption in Section D3 of the CCS v2, CBs shall pay the associated site fee for the Brand itself plus 100 USD per additional Organization that takes legal ownership of the certified Product and is covered by the scope of the BNC (e.g. Licensee or Wholesaler).

- Normal site fee + \$100 per wholesaler/licensee covered by the BNC.
- Example: An RDS Brand BNC covers 10 wholesalers, 5 Brand-owned DCs, and 5 Contracted DCs.
 - Fee = \$250 + (10 x \$100) = \$1250
 - The Brand owned DCs are covered by the \$250 as all part of the brand.
 - The Contracted DCs are not a part of the scope at all (*see C3.1b of the CCS*), so there is no charge for them.