Textile Exchange (TE) licenses certification bodies to perform certifications in accordance with Textile Exchange standards. The certification body is charged the following fees, based on the requirements in this document:

a. A one-time application fee;

b. An annual licensing fee per standard scope;

c. A fee for each certified site;

d. A fee per day spent auditing group certifications; and

e. Central Database System (CDS) and transaction certificate fees.*

*Certified sites will be charged yet-to-be-determined annual site and transaction certificate fees to support the operation of the Central Database System (CDS). This is a joint project with the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS). Certification bodies will be responsible for collecting this fee along with the certification fees. The final fee will be announced in an update to this document in 2019.

The certification body sets and charges its own fees, which may or may not include fees charged by Textile Exchange. It is up to the certification body whether they directly pass on any fees to their clients or build it into their fee structure.

See Appendix A for relevant terms and definitions. Defined terms are identified in italics in the first use in this document.

1. Certification Body Application Fee

When a certification body applies to Textile Exchange to be licensed to certify against one or more Textile Exchange standards, they shall complete a one-time application and pay a fee in accordance with the following schedule:

- A base fee of $1,000 USD per application; and
- A fee of $100 USD for each standard beyond the first.

When another standard is added at a later date, a new application shall be completed and another application fee as above shall be paid.

2. Certification Body Annual Licensing Fees

Certification Bodies that are accredited to – or in process of accreditation to – a Textile Exchange standard shall pay an annual fee in accordance with the following schedule:

- $1,000 USD for the first standard scope.
- $500 USD for each additional Textile Exchange standard scope.

The following exclusions apply:
a. CCS is only charged if it is the only standard scope.
b. RCS and GRS are considered to be one standard scope.
c. RWS Farm and RWS Supply Chain are considered to be one standard scope.

EXAMPLE: A Certification Body is accredited for CCS, OCS, RCS, GRS, RWS Farm, and RWS Supply Chain. The annual fee is $1,000 (OCS as first scope) + $500 (RCS and GRS) + $500 (RWS) + $0 (CCS) = $2,000 USD.

Fees are prorated monthly (beginning the month after the contract is signed) if a standard is added during the calendar year.

NOTE: RWS annual licensing fees for non-accredited certification bodies (i.e. $5,000 USD + any additional Audit Days and travel fees) will continue according to the RWS Farm Scope Licensing Requirements for Certification Bodies. These fees are not prorated.

3. Certified Site and Audit Day Fees

Certification fees are charged per site on a scope certificate as follows:

a. First site fee – charged for the main site of the certified organization, including for the central management of a group or farm area, and for the brand in brand network certification;
b. Subsequent site fee – charged for each additional site included in the scope certificate, excluding subcontractors (see exemptions below);
c. Audit day fee – charged per audit day spent auditing sites instead of the subsequent site fee for group or farm area certificates. Time spent auditing the Internal Control System (ICS) directly does not count towards this total; and
d. Brand network audit fee – charged per audit performed of an independent BNC participant.

Fees are charged based on the named standard under which claims are made. E.g. A final processor for RDS would pay the fees listed for RDS, even though the majority of the audit is according to the CCS requirements.
Below is a table of fees per standard in U.S. dollars:

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4. Standard-Specific Fee Criteria and Clarifications

**Content Claim Standard**

When the CCS is referenced in non-Textile Exchange standards as the requirements for chain of custody, the fee is $100 per site. Individual licensing arrangements will be made by Textile Exchange with the other standard owner. To read more about how the CCS can be embedded into another standard, please see [Using the CCS Outside of TE Standards](https://textileexchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Using-the-CCS-Outside-of-TE-Standards.pdf).
Content Claim Standard – Brand Network Certification

For each brand certified in accordance with the BNC Exemption in Section D3 of the CCS v2 for any eligible Textile Exchange standard, the certification body shall pay in accordance with the following fee:

a. The associated first site fee for the brand itself;
b. A subsequent site fee for each processor which is included in the scope certificate;
c. A brand network audit fee per **required** audit (remote or on-site) of an **independent BNC participant** (wholesaler/licensee); and
d. No charge per **dependent BNC participant** (brand or contracted DC).

NOTE: If a certification body determines that additional audits are required beyond the CCS D3 minimums, no fees additional audit fees are charged. E.g. A Level 2 network level requires 0.5 x square root of on-site audits. The audit fees are only charged a 0.5 x the square root of audits.

EXAMPLE: A Network Level 2 RDS brand BNC covers 100 wholesalers, 4 brand-owned DCs, and 7 contracted DCs. A sampling rate of 0.5√n applies, where n is the number of independent BNC participants (wholesalers/licensees).

- First site fee: $250 USD
- Subsequent site fee: $0 USD (no processors in scope)
- On-Site audits: 0.5 x √100 = 5
- The certification body decides to perform a 6th on-site audit due to risk, but no fee is charged for the audit.
- Per audit fee: 5 x $100 = $500 USD
- The brand owned DCs are covered by the brand network fee.
- The contracted DCs, as subcontractors, are not a part of the scope at all (see C3.1b of the CCS), so there is no charge for them.
- Total fee: $250 + $500 = $750 USD

Global Recycled Standard

For each site certified to the GRS v4, the CB shall pay TE 300 USD for the first site of a scope certificate and TE 200 USD for each additional certified site on the same scope certificate. The purpose of this is to control costs by preventing a single company from paying an additional $300 USD for each of their sites that they own and are certified in the same visit. The certification body shall not charge an organization more than the $200 USD for each additional site beyond the first in the same scope certificate.
Responsible Down Standard

For Farm Group Certification and Farm Area Certification, the certification body shall pay a first site fee for the ICS, plus an audit day fee per audit day for the group or area members.

EXAMPLE: A certification body spends 3 days auditing a sample of farms within a farm group and 1 additional day auditing the ICS.
- First site fee: $250 USD
- Audit day fee: 3 x $150 = $450 USD
- Total fee: $250 + $450 = $700 USD

When individual farms are audited as part of a slaughterhouse or down processor’s certification – but has no Internal Control System (ICS) – they may be charged audit day fees.

EXAMPLE: There are 50 farms included in the scope certificate of a down processor. The certification body performs on-site audits of all 50 farms, over a period of 5 days. The certification body would be charged $1000 (5 x $150 + $250), instead of $12,750 ((50+1) x $250).

Responsible Wool Standard

A farm may include multiple geographically distinct plots of land, but is considered to be a single site provided that the definition of farm is met (see Appendix A).

Although RWS scope certificates have a 3-year validity period (see RWS A6.2), fees are charged annually.

5. Central Database System and Transaction Certificate Fees

New fees will be charged relating to the Central Database System (CDS), which is being launched in 2019.

a. An additional fee per site is to be set at or around $40 USD. The fee will be charged per site, but will only be charged once for a site which is certified to multiple standards. It will begin to be included in the invoices along with monthly certified sites in 2019.

b. A new fee per transaction certificate issued will be charged in the future.
A revised version of this Fee Schedule will be issued in advance with exact figures and dates.

6. Other General Standard Fee Criteria

a. No fees are charged for subcontractors. Normal fees apply for a subcontractor which is part of a scope certificate.

b. Each audit day is considered to occur within one calendar day. Partial days are not allowed. (e.g. A 4-hour day of auditing or a 12-hour day of auditing is to be reported as one day.)

c. If a site has paid a site fee for a particular standard and would be charged again for the same standard under another scope certificate (e.g. a slaughterhouse is also a group ICS managing entity) only one such standard fee shall be charged.

d. Every owner of certified product must have a scope certificate issued in their name, or be a member of a group or farm area certification.

NOTE: When a certified organization does not pay for its own certification, the paying company that has the certification contract with the certification body may make business arrangements with the certified organization to limit the use of the certification. Fees are calculated and charged to the certification body per scope certificate as usual.

e. Organizations with multiple scope certifications are charged fees for each individual standard.

Questions about the costs of certification? Read more about the costs of certification in the Certification Toolkit https://textileexchange.org/product/certification-toolkit-essentials-series/.
Appendix A – Terms and Definitions

See the document Terms and Definitions for Textile Exchange Standards and Related Documents for definitions of terms used in this document. Key definitions are included below. Defined terms are shown in italics in the first usage in this document.

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Definitions

Audit Day: A single calendar day (up to 24 hours) spent auditing sites that fall under the control of a single Internal Control System (ICS). Does not include transit time to and from the site location or confirmation visits.

Farm: Any site where crops or livestock are raised for the production of food and/or textiles. Non-adjacent fields may be considered part of the same farm, provided they are under the same management (i.e. same farmer).

Group: A scope certificate which includes multiple, separately owned sites whose conformity with the standard falls under the responsibility of another separately owned legal entity with an Internal Control System (ICS). The entity which manages the ICS is considered the organization. Group eligibility requirements are defined in each standard.

Internal Control System (ICS): The system used by an organization for the oversight and management of certification for multiple sites, such as a group.

Site: Any geographically distinct unit within a certificate scope. Locations which are geographically distinct or have different civic addresses are considered to be separate sites (see exception for farms).

Subcontractor: An individual or company hired by an organization to perform services on a claimed material. Subcontractors take physical possession but not legal ownership of claimed materials, and are independent of the organization which outsources the material.