



The Australasian Furnishing Research & Development Institute - trading as Furntech-AFRDI - is a not-for-profit technical organisation serving the interests of buyers and sellers of furnishings in Australia and New Zealand. Membership of the Institute is open to any interested person or organization within Australia or overseas, reflecting the Institute's increasing reach into other countries.

Why you should belong to Furntech-AFRDI

For the Industry

- Furntech-AFRDI exists to raise the standard in the manufacture of furniture, reflecting changing social expectations for quality and environmental performance along with emerging standards on sustainability.
- Furntech-AFRDI works in close co-operation with industry bodies through independent professional testing and credible product certification, accessing technologies from within Australia and overseas.
- Furntech-AFRDI's testing and certification gives those who sell quality furniture a point of differentiation in a market where many products may outwardly appear to be much the same. **Furniture carrying the Furntech-AFRDI logo or Blue Tick carries a pedigree.**

For the Member

- Access to information about standards, makers and technological development, particularly important during a period of rapid change to meet emerging environmental expectations and the accompanying need for greater durability.
- 'One-stop-shop' for advice on furniture standards and purchasing standards.
- Testing and research facilities which can play an important part in product liability risk management. **Furntech-AFRDI is now a Registered Research Agency (RRA) which can carry out high-risk development work for members while attracting for them a tax rebate under the Australian government's Research and Development support program.**
- Competitive advantage through product testing and certification.
- Independent expert advice on disputes with suppliers, customers and consumers. Furntech-AFRDI's Customer Complaints Service has resolved hundreds of issues over the past five years.

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Furntech-AFRDI

Membership Subscription Form

There are three grades of membership: (*Furntech-AFRDI is owned and run by its members*)

Information Members (\$210 pa) receive the Institute's Newsletter, an information forum particularly important in a time of rapid technological change.

Associate Members (\$365 pa) in addition to the Newsletter, also receive:

- access to advice on specification standards using the Institute's 1800 number and
- a 20 percent discount on standards and publications.

Members (\$675/\$1,350/\$2,030 pa) who are entitled to vote at meetings of the Institute and, in addition to the benefits enjoyed by Associate members, receive a **discount*** on services including testing and research. **Prices are subject to 10% GST**

All grades of membership are entitled to use the Furntech Member Logo. Details can be obtained by contacting the Institute.

Name of Organisation

Address

.....**Post Code**

Telephone**Fax**

Email

Name of Contact

Position in organisation

We apply to join the Institute as:

- An Information Member (\$210) •
- An Associate Member (\$365) •
- A 5% Member (\$675) •
- A 10% Member (\$1,350) •
- A 20% Member (\$2,030) •

Background information for our records

Furniture Sector <i>(please tick at least one)</i>	Description of Activity <i>(please tick at least one)</i>	Background <i>(please tick at least one)</i>
▪...Commercial	▪...Manufacturer	▪...Production
▪...Domestic	▪...Importer	▪...Design
▪...Nursery	▪...Supplier to Industry	▪...Ergonomics
▪...Educational	▪...Retailer	▪...Architecture
	▪...Specifier	▪...Facility Mgt
	▪...Other	▪...Purchasing
		▪...OH&S
		▪...Marketing

***Members paying \$675 are entitled to a 5 percent discount; a fee of \$1,350 entails a 10 percent discount; and members paying \$2,030 receive a 20 percent discount. (i.e. regular testing more than pays for membership)**

No discount applies to testing of fabrics, foams or leather, and the testing of bunk beds to mandatory requirements only. Similarly, there is no discount on fees for the certification of bunk beds to mandatory requirements.

Note: Membership expires 12 months from the date of receipt of a completed application.

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