



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

AFRDI is owned and run by its members.

Why you should belong to AFRDI

For the Industry

- Furntech-AFRDI exists to raise the standard in the manufacture of furniture, reflecting changing social expectations for quality, the evolving understanding of sustainability through better design for whole of life product performance including recycling, and environmentally responsible manufacturing.
- 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 displaying the Furntech-AFRDI logos and certification marks carries a pedigree.** This pedigree is further expanded with the addition of **AFRDI Green Tick** product certification, utilising AFRDI Standard 150, covering the sustainable manufacture of commercial furniture. AFRDI standards 142 and 151 – the **AFRDI Rated Load** standards for heavy people covering height adjustable and fixed height chairs – recognize the rapid changes in human sizing over the past four decades.

For the Member

- Access to information about standards and testing developments, particularly important during a period of rapid change to meet heightened environmental expectations and the accompanying need for greater durability.
- 'One-stop-shop' for advice on furniture standards.
- Testing and research facilities which can play an important part in product liability risk management. **AFRDI is a Registered Research Agency (RRA) which can carry out 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.

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In addition, there is a range of flow-on benefits arising from AFRDI membership, many of them having a direct dollar benefit. These include:

- ***Reductions on commercial services.***
Membership brings discount on a range of technical services. Remember to ask for your discount when placing orders for testing. **Discounts can be as high as 30%** if a number of similar items are submitted for **full testing** at the same time.
- ***Access to technical advice.***
Just call AFRDI on (03) 6326 6155.
- ***Use of the AFRDI member logo.***
Details can be obtained by contacting the Institute.
- ***Membership of the AFRDI Board.***
AFRDI members may nominate for a place on the AFRDI Board, ensuring that this industry body gets the widest possible range of input in the setting of policies and objectives.

In total:

- AFRDI supports members' businesses.
- Adds value to your products and processes, through helping to design and manufacture better products.
- Identifies superior **tested and certified** products in the marketplace (particularly important for government, major business and educational contracts), and
- Helps improve your bottom line.

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Membership Subscription Form

There are three grades of membership:

Associate Members receive the Institute's bulletin publication and updates.

Gold Members and Platinum Members

- receive the Institute's bulletin publication and updates;
- have access to advice on specification standards by calling 1800 686 789;
- are entitled to vote at meetings of the Institute and;
- receive a **discount** on services including testing and research.

Gold Members are entitled to a 5 percent discount, and Platinum members receive a 20 percent discount. (i.e. regular testing more than pays for membership). A discount of 10% applies to either AFA Platinum or FIAA members.

No discount applies to testing of fabrics or leather, the testing and certification of bunk beds to mandatory requirements, and the testing and certification of foams.

Membership expires 12 months from the date of receipt of i) a completed application and ii) payment of membership fees.

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 Associate Member (\$420) *plus GST*

A Gold Member (\$835) *plus GST*

A Platinum Member (\$2,400) *plus GST*

Background information for our records (*please tick at least one per section*)

Furniture Sector	Description of Activity	Background
<input type="checkbox"/> ...Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Production
<input type="checkbox"/> ...Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Importer	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Design
<input type="checkbox"/> ...Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Supplier to Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Ergonomics
<input type="checkbox"/> ...Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Retailer	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Architecture
	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Specifier	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Facility Mgt
	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Other	<input type="checkbox"/> ...Purchasing
		<input type="checkbox"/> ...OH&S
		<input type="checkbox"/> ...Marketing

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