



The Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) was established to improve social, economic, and environmental outcomes for all stakeholders in the electronics industry. EICC members must meet specific requirements. This form provides answers about membership requirements and benefits.

1) What are the membership levels?

There are two membership levels: “Applicant” member and “Full” member. An Applicant member is a company that is working to meet the requirements of full membership. Applicant members can become Full members by meeting all of the membership requirements. A key benefit to attaining Full member status is the ability to vote on issues before the membership. Companies at all levels in the electronics industry supply chain are encouraged to join EICC, provided that they share the EICC commitment to continuous improvement in the areas of social responsibility.

2) How long can my company be an Applicant Member?

Applicant members have two years to attain Full member status. Progress is measured through self-reporting mechanisms and monitoring by EICC.

3) What happens if a company does not meet the requirements to become a Full Member?

Applicant members that do not meet all of the requirements for Full membership by the end of two years may be downgraded to “User” status. These companies may take advantage of some of EICC applications but will not be listed as a member of the association.

EICC Membership Requirements

4) What does it mean to provide a commitment letter?

EICC members must submit proof of commitment to the association and its goals from senior management. As part of the application process, companies must provide a letter on company letterhead to EICC that demonstrates this commitment. The letter must be signed by a senior executive.

5) How do we publicly demonstrate participation in the EICC?

All EICC members are required to publicly state their commitment to the EICC goals and operational guidelines. The statement may be provided through a media release upon acceptance by EICC of the company as a new member, or by a declaration on the company’s public website. Statements must be issued within 30 days of membership acceptance.

6) What does it mean to complete the Self Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)?

EICC members must submit the corporate section of the SAQ within 90 days of becoming an EICC member. The EICC Membership Director can assist companies to ensure that they submit properly completed SAQs on time and in compliance with other submission requirements.

7) What does it mean to use the EICC Code of Conduct for external suppliers?

EICC provides the electronics industry with a single code of conduct for use with all companies in the supply chain. This is one of the greatest values provided to EICC members. Full members must use the EICC Code of Conduct as the basic code for adoption by suppliers. Additional company-specific requirements may be added to the EICC Code in the addendum section.

8) How does my company apply the Code internally and externally?

Full members must apply the EICC Code to internal operations and to their first-tier suppliers. Full members are encouraged to go beyond these steps by evaluating conformance to the Code internally and by first-tier suppliers, and by expanding adoption of the Code to other suppliers.

9) What is the tool/application use requirement?

Another great value provided by EICC membership is access to EICC tools and applications (e.g., validated audits, materials, and training). All EICC programs are developed to increase efficiency and consistency on CSR issues in the electronics industry. To protect the value of EICC tools and applications, Full members must incorporate them into their corporate activities. This includes use of the EICC risk assessment process, SAQ, audit checklists and training materials when available.

10) What if my company has its own tools and systems?

Many companies have in-house programs and systems to promote and monitor CSR practices. Full members must transition from their proprietary approaches to EICC tools and processes. Part of a company's commitment when joining the EICC is to share best practices that will improve EICC tools and programs

11) What is meant by "active" participation in the association?

Full members must provide at least one representative to participate in EICC Work Group activities or serve on the EICC Board of Directors. Board members are elected by all members.

12) What does it mean to "contribute" company data to the annual EICC progress report?

EICC issues an annual report to demonstrate progress by its members at helping to achieve the association's goals. Full members are required to provide data on their performance according to specific metrics provided in the report. The data is presented in aggregate form, and data that may identify specific companies is not included.

EICC Membership Benefits**13) What benefits do Applicant and Full members share?**

The benefits for both membership levels include the ability to participate in EICC meetings, work groups, and stakeholder events, and the right to use the EICC name and logo. Applicant and Full members will also be listed on the EICC website.

14) What additional benefits do Applicant members receive?

Applicant members also receive access to benchmarking data, some access to best practices, and the right to attend some meetings and training sessions.

15) What additional benefits do Full members receive?

Full members have the right to vote on changes to the EICC Code of Conduct and in elections for members of the Board of Directors. Full members may also be nominated for positions on the Board of Directors, and may serve as Work Group leaders. In addition, Full Members have access to all negotiated pricing the association may obtain from third party audit firms, training providers, or other service providers.

EICC Membership Dues**16) What is the dues structure?**

Annual dues are based upon company revenue and membership status. If the company has revenue of less than \$10 billion (USD) the fee for Full membership is \$15,000 (USD). Full members with revenues above \$10 billion must pay \$25,000. Applicant members pay an additional \$5,000 per year.

17) Do EICC dues cover all costs for EICC programs and tools?

Membership dues cover costs for all current EICC programs, participation in work groups, and use of most tools. The dues do not cover costs for validated audits or use of the association's online tool for entry of supplier data. More information about the benefits of membership can be obtained by contacting EICC.

18) When does a company have to pay the membership dues?

Members must pay their dues within 30 days of receiving an invoice. Invoices are provided annually. New members receive invoices immediately upon acceptance of an application.

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