



MISSION AND VISION OF FAIRTRADE CANADA

Fairtrade Canada (FTC) is a national, nonprofit Fairtrade Certification organization, and the only Canadian member of Fairtrade International (FLO). FTC is a value-added certifier which:

- Certifies that products bearing the international marks meet FLO standards
- Licenses Canadian Companies to use the international marks
- Works alongside other groups and individuals to promote Fair Trade and Fairtrade certified products.

Our Mission:

- Increase the sales of certified products in Canada
- Maximize the benefits of Fairtrade to farmers
- Support the work that is done globally by Fairtrade International
- Work with like-minded organizations to promote Fairtrade to Canadians

Our Vision:

A world where trade justice and sustainable development principles are practiced globally, thereby moving world farmers and workers from a position of vulnerability to security and economic self-sufficiency.

GENERAL

1. Strong and reciprocal links with leading organizations in the fair trade movement is essential to the success of FTC and the broader movement. Therefore, membership is open to licensee and civil society organizations who are contributing to the fair trade movement and aligned with and supporting the goals of FTC
2. The main reasons for being a member are:
 - a. Formal Voice: participate as a voting member in FTC's annual AGM and any special member meetings.
 - b. Commitment: demonstrate a commitment and vote of confidence in the values of fair trade and the mission and vision of the organization.

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3. This policy is a public document and shall be made available upon request.
4. All membership expire each year on the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

5. As per FTC's operating By-Law, membership in the Corporation shall be available only to Licensees and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes.
6. In order to be accepted as a member, an organization must:
 - a. Pay the current membership fee defined in the membership application.
 - b. Actively support FTC's Mission, Vision and goals
 - c. Abide by the Membership Code of Conduct
 - d. Be accepted into membership by the process outline herein
7. The Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Licensee or CSO will be responsible for either acting as the representative for their organization or appointing an other suitable individual to serve as representative. The representative may or may not be a paid staff member of the organization and they must commit to keeping up to date with information shared by FTC to its membership to ensure they are well informed when making decisions.

LICENSEE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

8. Licensee organizations who wish to apply for membership must be current FTC certified licensees in good standing.
9. A call for applications or renewals will be made to all existing licensees each year 60 days before the AGM.
10. The appointed representative of the licensee must be a paid staff member, general member, or board of director of the organization.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

11. Membership is available to all Civil Society Organizations (CSO) who actively support Fairtrade Canada and Fairtrade International principles and standards.
12. Civil Society Organizations shall mean any not for profit organization or registered charity, and/or and current FTC accredited groups, and/or any faith based organizations and unions.
13. “Active support of fair trade” is defined at a minimum as public promotion of fair trade.
14. Unsolicited applications will be accepted throughout the year. In addition, a call for applications will be made each year 60 days before the AGM to:
 - a. All existing members will be sent a notice of renewal.
 - b. All groups that are currently maintaining FTC accredited Fairtrade designations at that time.
 - c. Through appropriate umbrella organizations that represent a wide variety of CSOs who are likely to have an interest in supporting fair trade to their member organizations (i.e. the Canadian Council for international Cooperation (CCIC) and all of its provincial member organizations).
15. The appointed representative must be a member in good standing of the CSO

RIGHTS OF A MEMBER

16. Members shall have the rights described in the Act, by-laws and policies of FTC, which include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Nominating members for elected positions
 - b. Contesting elected positions
 - c. Voting for elected positions
 - d. Participating in an Annual General Meeting and any Regular or Special Meeting of the Members

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PROCESS FOR APPROVING MEMBERS

17. A membership application form, current fee schedule and schedule of the next board meeting will be available from the FTC office.
18. An application for membership may be submitted at any time to the FTC office. The application will be approved or declined based on the criteria laid out in this document by the Board as soon as practical.
19. Decisions as to whether or not to approve new Members will be by simple majority vote by the Board.
20. The Board of Directors will share at the AGM a current membership list and as well report the number of unsuccessful applications since the last AGM and the names and relevant information of all unsuccessful applicants who consent to having this information shared.

JOIN US AS A
MEMBER ORGANIZATION

And Help us shape the course of a
global movement for trade justice!

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