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About our standards

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Ensuring Australia's
forests, and the products
sourced from them,
are amongst the most
sustainable in the world.



Responsible Wood is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that promotes sustainable forest management through the development of standards for forests and the products that come from them.

These standards are accredited by Standards Australia and include AS 4708 (Forest Management) and AS 4707 (Chain of Custody).

Global Credibility

Australian-owned but internationally recognised, the Responsible Wood forest certification scheme is one of only 41 national certification schemes endorsed by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the world's largest source of certified sustainably managed forests. Responsible Wood is the only Australian certification scheme endorsed by the PEFC and is also the governing body for PEFC in Australia.

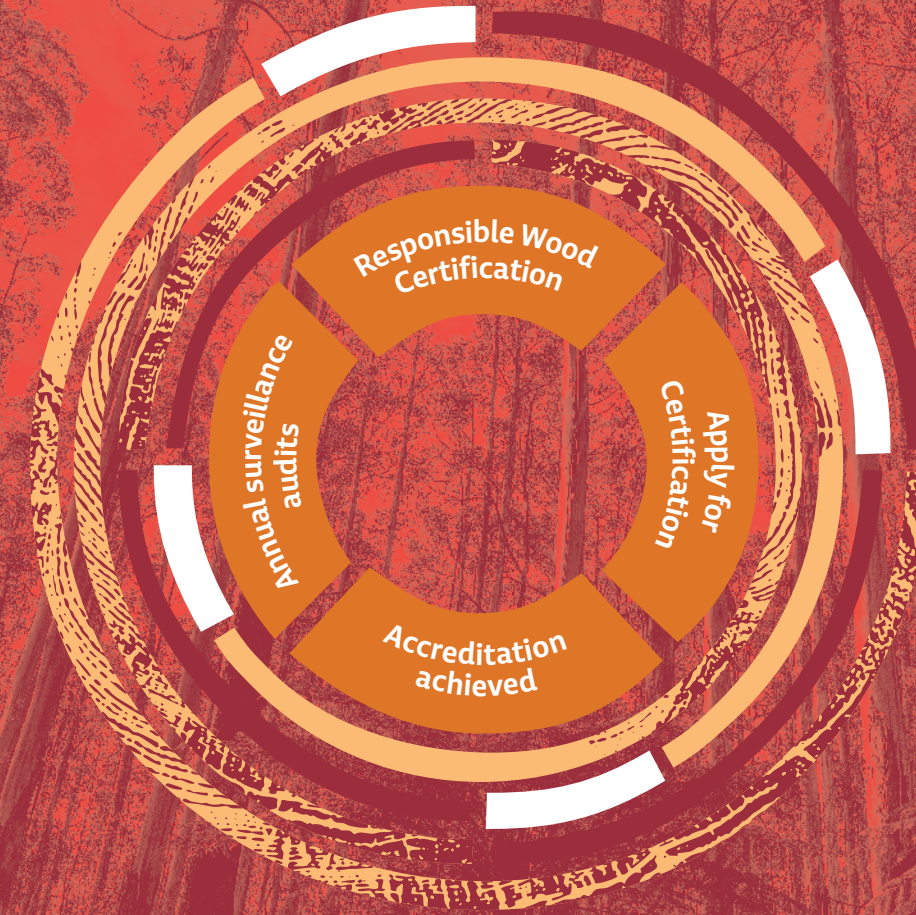
A rigorous independent process

The certification process is simple but rigorous. It begins when a forest owner or company is satisfied that they meet the requirements of Responsible Wood's Certification Scheme. They then contact Responsible Wood to request an independent audit to confirm compliance. An independent, third-party auditor will conduct field visits and consult with stakeholders to confirm if the standards have been met. Once compliance is demonstrated, Responsible Wood will issue a certificate valid for three to five years after which, the operators will need to seek re-certification. To ensure the standards are maintained, additional checks will be conducted annually. Only operators who consistently meet these standards can bear the Responsible Wood label.

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Responsible Wood certification ensures

- The safeguarding of ecologically important forest areas
- The protection and enhancement of biological diversity
- The prohibition of deforestation
- The prohibition of forest conversions
- The prohibition of genetically modified trees
- The protection of the rights of workers and indigenous peoples
- The fostering of local employment
- The promotion of consultation between local community and stakeholders
- Respect for traditional land rights and local customs
- The provision of a voice for those who depend upon the forest for their livelihood



Benefits for business

Responsible Wood certification assures that forests are conserved and managed responsibly to ensure they balance people, planet and profit. Choosing Responsible Wood demonstrates support for the sustainable management of Australian forests.

The Responsible Wood label allows consumers and customers to immediately recognise and value a company's commitment to quality and sustainability. It delivers instant peace of mind and reassurance about how it was grown, harvested and delivered to them.

When people choose Responsible Wood, they're selecting the ultimate renewable resource sourced from Australian forests.

