

What do I have to sign to become an OCP Tiered Member?

- [OCP Tiered Membership Agreement](#), to sign the agreement click [here](#).
- [OCP Tiered Membership Logo Usage Policy](#), to sign the agreement click [here](#).

What other documents should I be familiar with when becoming a member?

- [OCP Tiered Membership Policy](#)
- [OCP Articles of Incorporation](#)
- [OCP Bylaws](#)
- [OCP IP Policy](#)
- [OCP Trademark Usage Guideline](#)

What do I need to sign if I am going to become an OCP Provider (Solution and Component)?

You'll need to make sure you are an OCP Tiered Member in good standing, if not you'll need to become an OCP Tiered Member. All levels of OCP Tiered membership are eligible to become Solution Providers.

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What do I need to sign if I am going to contribute specifications or designs?

In order to contribute a specification or design you'll need to make sure you are an OCP Tiered Member in good standing, if not you'll need to become an OCP Tiered Member.

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- CLA (Contributor/Contribution License Agreement)

A contribution license agreement is often referred to as an "inbound" license. This is what you as the contributor will need to sign in order assign IP to the OCP Foundation. By signing the CLA this is your promise to anyone using your contribution that you have given the contribution to the Foundation and as the contributor/licensor you will not sue those who use your contribution for patent infringement. In other words you are agreeing to a patent non-assert. A CLA must be signed for EACH spec and Design that is contributed. A company can not sign one (1) CLA for all contributions. A new CLA must be signed for each new spec and design that is contributed. The Foundation must make these available to the public so that the community can know that the contributor as agreed to patent non-assert.

- [OWF-CLA](#) to sign this agreement click [here](#).
- [OCP-CLA](#) to sign this agreement click [here](#).

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- Hardware or Software License

You as the Licensor need to pick a license to govern your spec/design contribution to the Foundation. This is often referred to as your “outbound” license. This what governs how people must use your contribution. You as the licensor do NOT sign the agreement, however, you will need to pick what license best represents how you want licensees (those using your contribution) to use your contribution.

Hardware

- [OWFa1.0](#) (If you aren't planning on giving production files then this is the license you will want to use OR if you are planning on giving full production files, but think that in the future you won't be able to give the full production files then it's easier to pick a license that **doesn't** require full production files and give more than you have to, than to pick a license that may require you give more than you can.)
- [OCPHL-P](#) (If you are planning on giving full production files but you don't want to require anyone who uses your contribution to give back then this is the license you'll want to use. This license was *inspired* by the Apache License)
- [OCPHL-R](#) (If you are planning on giving full production files and you want to REQUIRE that those who innovate/modify or create a derivative or your contribution be REQUIRED to give back their changes then this is license you'll want to choose. *However, please note, some manufactures will not look at any specifications or designs that are licensed using the the OCPHL-R license. This license was inspired by the GPLv2 License*)

Software

We allow software to be licensed using any [OSI \(Open Source Initiative\) approved license](#).

REMEMBER: *You as the contributor decide how you want the licensee to use your contribution. **The OCP Foundation does NOT tell you how to license your contribution.** We will ask you questions about your intent and help you best decide on what will work for you and your organization.*

What do I need to sign if I am going to submit a product to be recognized as OCP?

If you and your organization would like to submit a product to be recognized as OCP there are a couple things you'll need to make sure of in order for the process to proceed smoothly.

1 - You'll need to make sure that your organization is an OCP Member in good standing if not, you'll need to become an OCP Tiered Member. That means you'll need to make sure you've signed the following:

- [OCP Tiered Membership Agreement](#), to sign the agreement click [here](#).
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2 - If you are wanting to have your organization listed as a provider and you want to have your product listed in our Buy OCP Portal, then you will also need to become an OCP Provider. That means in addition to being an OCP Tiered Member you will need to sign the following:

- [OCP Provider Agreement](#) to sign the agreement click [here](#).

3 - You'll need to decide if you want your product to be recognized as OCP-Inspired™ or OCP-Accepted™. What's the difference? For OCP-Inspired™ you aren't required to give IP, but for OCP-Accepted™ you are.

Since all OCP Products must be based on an OCP-Accepted™ Specification, then you to decide if you are going to give your design files or not? If you aren't willing to give the design files then you will need to go for OCP-Inspired™. If you are willing to give the design files then you should submit for OCP-Accepted™. Regardless of which you decide in addition to the above documents you will need to sign the following:

- [Copyright License Agreement](#) - the copyright license agreement give the Foundation Permission to reformat and redistribute the information you give us about that product.

OCP-Inspired™ Products

Once your product has been recognized as OCP-Inspired™ you'll need to sign the following agreement:

- [OCP-Inspired™ Certification Mark Agreement](#) (to sign this agreement click [here](#)) - this is what will give you and your organization permission to use the OCP-Inspired™ Logo on your website product pages and printed collateral to indicate that a product has meet the requirements to be recognized as OCP-Inspired™. ***Please note the logo can NOT be used to as a sticker for hardware.***

OCP-Accepted™ Products

Once your product has been recognized as OCP-Accepted™ you'll need to sign the following agreement:

- [OCP-Accepted™ Certification Mark Agreement](#) (to sign this agreement click [here](#).) - this is what will give you and your organization permission to use the OCP-Accepted™ Logo on your website product pages and printed collateral to indicate that a product has meet the requirements to be recognized as OCP-Accepted™. ***Please note the logo can NOT be used to as a sticker for hardware.***

What if I want my product recognized as OCP but I don't want to be an OCP Provider or have my product listed on the OCP website, are their other documents I need to sign?

If you and your organization would like to submit a product to be recognized as OCP, but you don't want to be listed as an OCP Provider or have your product listed on the site then below are the documents you will need to sign in order for the process to proceed smoothly.

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2 - You'll need to decide if you want your product to be recognized as OCP-Inspired™ or OCP-Accepted™. What's the difference? For OCP-Inspired™ you aren't required to give IP, but for OCP-Accepted™ you are. Since all OCP Products must be based on an OCP-Accepted™ Specification, then you to decide if you are going to give your design files or not? If you aren't willing to give the design files then you will need to go for OCP-Inspired™. If you are willing to give the design files then you should submit for OCP-Accepted™. Regardless of which you decide in addition to the above documents you will need to sign the following:

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OCP-Inspired™ Products

Once your product has been recognized as OCP-Inspired™ you'll need to sign the following agreement:

- [OCP-Inspired™ Certification Mark Agreement](#) (to sign this agreement click [here](#)) - this is what will give you and your organization permission to use the OCP-Inspired™ Logo on your website product pages and printed collateral to indicate that a product has meet the requirements to be recognized as OCP-Inspired™. ***Please note the logo can NOT be used to as a sticker for hardware.***

OCP-Accepted™ Products

Once your product has been recognized as OCP-Accepted™ you'll need to sign the following agreement:

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Table for quick lookup:

	OCP Tiered Membership Agreement	OCP Tiered Membership Usage Agreement	OCP Provider Agreement (Solution and Component)	Contribution License Agreement (CLA) (Specs ad Designs)	Copyright License Agreement (CLA) (Products)	OCP-Accepted™ Certification Mark Agreement	OCP-Inspired™ Certification Mark Agreement	Creative Commons Licensing CC-by-SA-NC-ND
Membership	Must sign	Must sign						
Provider	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign					
Contribute Specs (This is considered IP)	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign				
Contribute Design Files (This is considered IP)	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign				
Product recognized as OCP-Accepted™ (This is not considered IP)	Must sign	Must sign			Must sign	Must sign		
Product recognized as OCP-Inspired™ (This is not considered IP)	Must sign	Must sign			Must sign		Must sign	
Wants	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign		Must sign	Must sign		

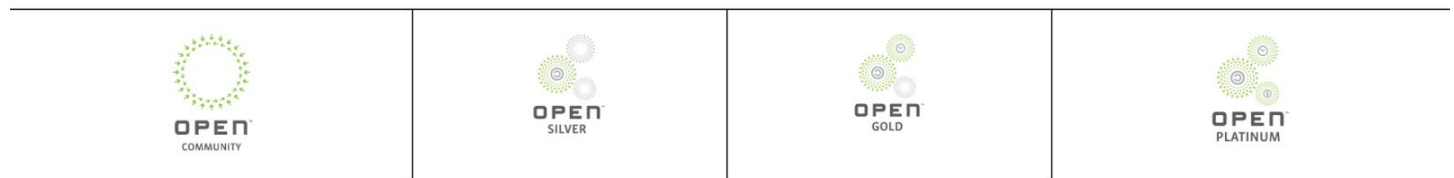
OCP-Accepted™ Product Listed on the OCP Website								
Wants OCP-Inspired™ Product Listed on the OCP Website.	Must sign	Must sign	Must sign		Must sign		Must sign	
Knowledge Base Contributions (In some cases the contribution of a user study or success story then an alternate IP credit can be given to user members) In most cases time credit will be given.	Must sign	Must sign			If the contributor will allow us to reformat what they give us then this is what they will need to sign			If the contributor is giving us permission to share but not reformat then they can assign a CC license to it.

PLEASE NOTE: *In the case of the hardware, software and knowledge base contribution, it's important to find out the intent of the contributor and let them decide which license they wish to choose. It's very important to remember that the Foundation does NOT tell the contributor how they HAVE to license their contribution, but we should give them all their options and help them decide what to use.*

Logo usage guide

(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UJhb1Xhwlr_cOSaniZUPYXNpkPbzL7Wo7sX-ZNo4G-Q/edit)

Tiered Member Logos - Community, Silver Gold and Platinum - <http://opencompute.org/about/membership-organizational-directory/>



The images below can **NOT** be used by members without expressed written permission by the Foundation.

(If someone wants to use these, please have them contact [Dirk](#))

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Below are the Logos that the Solution Providers (SPs) can use. The SPs can use either the Community, Silver, Gold or Platinum Level Logo along with the Solution provider logo. (Note the background on the logos may not be white *(with permission we let them change the background but they should let the Foundation know prior to this)*. You may see the vertical or the horizontal logo. Either are correct. You can find a list of solution providers at:

<http://www.opencompute.org/about/open-compute-project-solution-providers/>



Products that meet the requirements and have gone through the process to become OCP-ACCEPTED™



Products that meet the requirements and have gone through the process to become OCP-INSPIRED™

