



Responsible Jewellery Council Certification

What is it?

Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) Certification assures companies are adhering to responsible business practices within the jewellery industry. The standard is for precious metal supply chains and is applicable to gold and platinum group metals.

There are two types of certifications a company can achieve:

- 1. RJC Code of Practices (COP):** A multi-attribute standard that evaluates supply chain, business ethics, labor and human rights, health and safety, environmental performance, and management systems. Certification against the RJC COP standard is required within two years of becoming an RJC member.
- 2. RJC Chain of Custody (CoC):** A voluntary certification assessing gold or PGM that are responsibly sourced and conflict-free. Meeting the COP requirements is a pre-requisite for CoC certification.

SCS is accredited to conduct RJC Code of Practices and Chain-of-Custody verification assessments for US and Canadian-based companies.

Benefits of RJC Certification

- Demonstrates to investors, suppliers and customers that you adhere to rigorous standards for social, ethical, and environmental performance
- Protects your reputation by proactively responding to ethical issues
- Strengthens your internal management systems
- Supports responsible business practices in the jewellery supply chain
- RJC CoC is recognized by Signet Responsible Sourcing Protocols (SRSP) as a pathway to compliance





Responsible Jewellery Council Certification Process

1 Become a Member of RJC

- Visit [RJC's website](#) to apply

2 Scoping and Project Initiation

- Client and SCS confirm scope of project
- Client signs Work Order and returns to SCS to initiate project

3 Data Collection

- SCS provides an overview of project milestones
- Client prepares for the audit by completing a Self-Assessment against the Code of Practices or the Chain-of-Custody Standard
- SCS works with client to clarify Self-Assessment requirements

4 Audit

- SCS requires an onsite audit of a select number of facilities to verify the client has systems in place that conform to the requirements defined in the applicable RJC Standard

5 Reporting

- Auditor reviews data and findings from the audit and writes a report for the client's review

6 Certification Decision

- Upon completion of RJC Verification assessment, SCS will submit our Statement of Conformance to the RJC, who will then determine certification status of the client
- RJC members are issued a unique RJC Certification number which is made publicly available on the RJC website

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