

Designer Membership Terms & Conditions

DESIGNER APPLICANTS ONLY | Free, Student and Professional | Proposed effective date: Jan 1, 2027

1. Agreement and membership categories

These Membership Terms govern participation in Designers Meet (“DM”). Available categories include Free Designer Community, Student, paid Professional Designer, Vendor Membership/Partnership and Directory Listing Only. Each category has separate eligibility, fees and permissions. Vendor packages and directory purchases may also require an order form or separate agreement that controls package-specific deliverables.

2. Eligibility and application review

Applicants must provide accurate and complete information, accept the Code of Ethics and applicable terms, and satisfy category requirements. Student applicants must provide proof of current enrollment in design, architecture or a related field. DM may request verification, approve, decline or seek additional information in good faith, consistent with applicable law. Submission alone does not confer membership.

3. Free designer community and student access

Regular DM Meets remain free and open to eligible designers, subject to registration, capacity and event conditions. Free community members and verified student members may access the private vendor directory after account approval. Free community participation does not include paid Professional Membership benefits. Students must maintain eligible status and update DM when it changes.

4. Professional Designer Membership pricing and term

The founding Professional Membership rate is \$149 for eligible existing and newly registered DM community designers—including Tampa Bay designers—who enroll no later than January 31, 2027. Starting February 1, 2027, the standard annual price is \$199. The membership year runs February 1 through January 31. Memberships purchased mid-cycle are prorated to the next January 31; the checkout must display the exact amount before purchase. All Professional Membership terms expire January 31. The \$149 founding rate is an introductory enrollment rate, not a lifetime renewal guarantee. Subsequent renewals are at the then-applicable standard rate (currently \$199), subject to notice and applicable law.

5. Proration and billing transparency

For a midyear Professional Membership enrollment, calculate a prorated fee based on the remaining calendar days through January 31 (inclusive), using the standard annual price and actual number of days in the membership year; round to the nearest cent. Display the enrollment date, prorated amount, expiration date, renewal price and any taxes before payment. Do not charge a new applicant for time before enrollment. Final calculation and rounding logic should be tested and approved before launch.

6. Renewal and payment authorization

All paid Professional Designer Memberships share the January 31 renewal boundary. Any automatic renewal or saved-card charge requires a separate, clear affirmative authorization at checkout describing the amount or pricing method, frequency, cancellation method and timing, and any disclosures required by law. Without that authorization,

DM must request payment before renewal rather than charge automatically. Send advance renewal notices and receipts as applicable. Failed payments may cause a grace period or access suspension under the published billing policy.

7. DM West / Tampa Bay introductory community

DM West Tampa Bay offers complimentary founding community participation during its 2027 introductory period, currently planned through January 31, 2028, with access to its community communications and such local Meets as DM schedules. This is not a complimentary Professional Membership and does not automatically include exclusive paid benefits. Tampa Bay designers may voluntarily purchase Professional Membership at the applicable rate. No automatic paid conversion or charge will occur when introductory participation ends; DM will communicate any future changes.

8. Professional Membership benefits

Paid Professional Members may receive eligible benefits such as the Coverings 2027 member experience, DM Pickleball Showdown participation, a House Hub ticket discount and eligibility to apply for DM ColLab, as described in the current published benefit schedule. Specific events, parking, admission, dates, discounts and availability are subject to partner commitments, capacity and published event conditions. ColLab eligibility does not guarantee selection, placement, exposure, compensation or project work. No member is guaranteed referrals, sales or financial returns.

11. Portal access, privacy and security

Accounts are individual or business-specific and may not be shared to bypass access restrictions. Designers can browse the private directory; vendors may edit only their own approved business listing and account information. DM may take reasonable steps to protect accounts and suspend suspicious access. Personal data is handled under a separately published Privacy Policy. Members must not scrape, redistribute or misuse private portal content.

Vendor and directory distinctions

These Designer Membership Terms do not grant any vendor attendance, promotional or commercial participation rights. A designer who also operates a vendor business must separately apply under the applicable vendor program. The private vendor directory is a resource for approved designers, not a public listing service.

Designer access to the directory does not grant a right to export vendor profiles in bulk, resell directory information, or publish private portal contents.

12. Payments, cancellation and refunds

All prices, taxes, billing schedules and payment methods must be shown at checkout. Members may request cancellation of future renewal according to the cancellation instructions displayed in their account or provided by DM. Cancellation of a future renewal does not automatically create a refund for the current term. Refund eligibility, if any, must be specified in the final approved Refund and Cancellation Policy and must comply with applicable law. This draft intentionally does not impose an unapproved blanket no-refunds rule.

13. Suspension, termination and appeals

DM may restrict access, suspend or terminate participation for violations of the Code of Ethics, misuse of community information, fraudulent applications, nonpayment or material breach of applicable terms. Where appropriate, DM may offer an opportunity to respond. Access ends when a paid term expires without renewal or when membership is terminated. Outstanding lawful payment obligations and confidentiality duties may survive termination.

14. Changes to terms and benefits

DM may update programs, benefits, policies and pricing prospectively, subject to applicable law and any notice or consent requirements. Material changes will be communicated reasonably in advance. Changes to a signed vendor exclusivity agreement require the approvals specified in that agreement.

15. Independent relationships and disclaimer

DM facilitates connections and does not employ or supervise independent members. Members are responsible for their own business contracts, licensing, insurance, work and due diligence. DM does not warrant or guarantee any member's products, services, qualifications, project outcomes or business results. Nothing in these Terms excludes rights that cannot legally be excluded.

16. Governing law and contact

These Terms are intended for a Florida-based membership program and should be reviewed by Florida counsel before publication. The final legal entity name, notice email, mailing address, dispute-resolution language and effective date must be inserted and approved before launch. Contact DM using the official contact information published on the website.

17. Required acceptance

I have read and agree to the Designers Meet Membership Terms and the separate Membership Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct. I understand that my application is subject to approval, that membership access depends on my approved category, and that any applicable membership fee and renewal terms will be shown before I authorize payment.

Developer implementation notes / Instrucciones para el desarrollador

EN: Membership Terms and Code of Ethics require separate unchecked acceptance checkboxes and separate versioned audit records. ES: Los Términos y el Código de Ética requieren casillas separadas, desmarcadas por defecto, con registros de aceptación y versión independientes.

EN: Membership applications start Pending Approval. Do not grant paid privileges merely because a form was submitted. ES: Las solicitudes comienzan como Pending Approval. No habilitar beneficios de pago solo por enviar el formulario.

EN: Use role-based permissions: approved designers browse directory; vendors edit only their listing; administrators review both. ES: Permisos por rol: diseñadores aprobados consultan el directorio; proveedores editan solo su ficha; administradores revisan ambos.

EN: Implement configurable prices and packages; proposed vendor prices must not publish until approved. ES: Configurar precios y paquetes editables; no publicar precios propuestos de proveedores sin aprobación.

EN: Before release, obtain approved Refund Policy, Privacy Policy, legal entity details, renewal consent language and vendor contracts. ES: Antes del lanzamiento, obtener política de reembolsos, privacidad, datos legales, autorización de renovación y contratos de proveedores aprobados.

Developer implementation / Instrucciones de implementación

Solo mostrar a solicitantes Designer Free, Student o Professional. No usar estas reglas de renovación para proveedores.

El acceso al directorio privado se habilita tras aprobación del diseñador. Separar consentimiento de renovación automática del consentimiento a estos términos.

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