

# Become a validator post genesis

After genesis, you can still join the network as a user and become a validator through self-bonding.

After [joining the network as a full node](#), you must [create a validator account](#).

After this has been completed, you will need to increase your validator's bonded-stake, which can be done by self-bonding tokens sourced from the faucet.

## Bonding

Follow [this guide](#) on how to self-bond a validator's tokens.

## Check bonded-stake

In order to vote on blocks, a validator must have enough bonded-stake to be included in the validators "consensus-set". A validator is in the consensus set if and only if it has enough bonded-stake to be in the top 128 validators by bonded-stake.

To query the bonded-stake for all the validators in the current epoch, run the following command:

```
namada
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client
```

```
bonded-stake
```

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