

Certification fees for farming & growing to Soil Association or EU organic standards



Application and conversion fees are payable on application and during your initial conversion period. **Annual fees** are payable on your annual renewal date. Fees include your annual inspection and all core services throughout the year.

Application and conversion	Fee
0.01 ha – 5 ha Small-scale farmer/grower fee*	£399
0 ha – 10 ha registered land	£444
10.01 ha and above registered land	£483
Less than 100 ha LFA registered land	£444
More than 100.01 ha LFA registered land	£483
Annual certification	
0.01 ha – 5 ha Small-scale farmer/grower fee*	£399
0 ha – 10 ha registered land	£493
10.01 ha – 50 ha registered land	£600
50.01 ha -100 ha registered land	£659
100.01 ha – 200 ha registered land	£782
200.01 ha 500 ha registered land	£964
500.01 ha and above registered land	£1,060
Less than 100 ha LFA registered land	£493
More than 100.01 ha LFA registered land	£600
Stockfree Organic Services	£80
Wild harvesting	£493

*Small-scale farmer and grower fees

This fee has been reduced to help support small-scale farmers and growers who have between 0.01 ha and 5 ha of organic land. This fee is not available to licensees whose primary enterprises are aquaculture, poultry, protected cropping and/or plant raising, watercress, mushrooms or wild harvesting.

Part of our ongoing commitment to support our farmers and growers that are most in need, we remain able to offer small grants from our hardship fund for annual producer fees of **£444** and above (for more details please contact the certification team on 0117 914 2412).

Transferring from another certification body

If you wish to transfer from your current certification body, we will only charge you for the cost of the inspection for the first year, £404. Please give us a call on 0117 914 2412, if you would like to talk about transferring.

Inspection services

The following additional inspections can normally take place on the same day as your organic inspection, reducing your costs and paperwork. If more than one day is required for annual inspection, or an additional inspection is required during the year, these are charged at £397.

	Fee
Red Tractor Assurance for Beef and/or Lamb (organic only)	£160
Red Tractor Assurance for Beef and/or Lamb (organic and non-organic)	£175
Red Tractor Assurance for Crops (1 - 200 ha)	£170
Red Tractor Assurance for Crops (201 ha and above)	£196

Red Tractor Assurance audit – additional fee payable for a standalone audit	£221
Red Tractor Assurance for Crops (organic and non-organic)	£205
Canadian Organic Regime (COR) standards	£600
NOP (National Organic Programme)	Fees to be quoted on an individual basis
JAS (Japanese Agricultural Standard) for exporting products to Japan	Fees to be quoted on an individual basis
FAWL (Farm Assured Welsh Livestock)	Fees payable direct to QWFC

Group scheme fee	Fee
Fee per group scheme member*	£316

*Please note that group certification schemes have been closed to new entrants since 2003, this fee only applies to farmers in existing group schemes who have been licensed since prior to 2003

On-farm processing and packing licences

Fees for on-farm processing and packing licences are based on the annual sales of certified organic products listed on the on-farm processing/packing trading schedule.

However please note that fresh salad crops, fruit, vegetables and eggs grown and packed on your farm and sold direct to the public (for example via your box scheme, your farm shop, or at a farmers market), do not need to be included as part of the total organic certified sales figure.

Certification fee	Fee
Application fee – covering your first year with us	£93
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales up to £31,000	£93
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £31,001	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales

Local Abattoir/Butcher Scheme

This certification service is in place to assist licensees with limited access to organic abattoirs or butchering facilities. The abattoir/butcher will not hold an organic licence in their own right but will operate for you via your on-farm processing licence.

	Fee
Fee per Local Abattoir/Butcher certification service (payable in addition to on-farm processing fee)	£93

GOTS licence (on-farm)	Fee
Application fee – covering your first year with us	£93
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales up to £31,000	£93
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £31,001	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales
GOTS annual fee * (€115 per site) (payable in addition to on-farm processing fee)	£113 per site

* As the standard owner GOTS collect an annual fee of €40 from the certifier and a licence fee of €150 from the certified company, per site certified (including additional facilities and subcontractors). Because Soil Association is a founding member of GOTS and a member of the GOTS Advisory Council, our licensees received a 50% reduction to the licence fee.

Inspection cancellations

	Fee
Less than 10 working days' notice given	£198
Less than one working day's notice given	£397

We reserve the right to pass on travel costs already incurred when an inspection is cancelled with less than a month's notice.

Exchange rates

We reserve the right to pass on exchange rate related price increases due to fluctuating exchange rates.

Paying by instalments

Fees for UK-based businesses can be paid in six monthly instalments by way of a credit agreement from Premium Credit. Please note this involves an additional charge of 3.75% of the total value of the invoice, and a credit check may be required (subject to a minimum charge of £15).

VAT

All fees are exclusive of VAT. VAT is not payable on fees for non-EU businesses. VAT is payable on fees for businesses based in the EU that are not registered for VAT. If you have a VAT registration number, please let us know.