

Certification fees for food businesses to Soil Association or EU organic standards



Application fees are payable on application and cover your first year with us.

Annual fees are based on your total organic certified sales each year, and are payable on your annual renewal date.

Fees include your annual inspection and all core services throughout the year.

Certification fee	Fee
Application fee – covering your first year with us	£765
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales of £255,000 and under,	£765
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales between £255,001 and £2,400,000	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £2,400,001	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales for the first £2,400,000, plus 0.0015 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £2,400,001 and £4,450,000, plus 0.001 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £4,450,001 and £23,000,000, plus 0.0003 multiplied by your organic certified sales over £23,000,000

Transferring from another certification body

We offer a discounted fee for businesses transferring from other certification bodies for the first year. We can help you to easily transfer your UK organic certificate to Soil Association certification – please contact us for more information <https://www.soilassociation.org/certification/food-drink/get-in-touch/>.

Contracted storage or wholesale of pre-packaged organic food or drink products

If you store or wholesale certified organic products* that are fully packed and sealed, do not bear your company branding in any way, and are sourced from suppliers with Great Britain, the following fees will apply:

	Fee
Application/annual fee	£250
Inspection fee**	£404

* wholesaling licences are not required under EU regulations for organic health and beauty or textile products

** frequency of inspections will be determined on a risk assessment basis

Sales of loose/bulk organic food or drink products

If you sell loose/bulk organic products without carrying out any processing, labelling or re-packing (excluding breaking down of bulk), which do not bear your company branding in any way, the following fees will apply:

	Fee
Application fee – covering your first year with us	£ 765
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales of £2,000,000 and under,	£ 765
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales between £2,000,001 and under £7,000,000	£1080
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £7,000,001	£1620

If you have a combination of processor and wholesale of loose/bulk sales, your fees will be calculated as follows:

- If the processor sales figure is £255,000 or below, then the wholesale of loose/bulk fee structure applies
- If the wholesale of loose/bulk figure is £255,000 or below, then the processor fee structure applies
- If both sales figures are £255,000 or below, then whichever sales figure is greater that associated fee structure applies
- Once both sales figures are £255,001 or above you will be charged by the respective processor and wholesale of loose/bulk fee structures

Abattoirs and butchers

To further support the Soil Association's animal welfare programme, we offer a reduced fee to abattoirs and butchers with certified organic sales of less than £144,000.

	Fee
Application/annual fee	£432
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales between £144,001 and £2,400,000	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales
Annual renewal fee – organic certified sales including and over £2,400,001	0.003 multiplied by your organic certified sales for the first £2,400,000, plus 0.0015 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £2,400,001 and £4,450,000, plus 0.001 multiplied by your organic certified sales between £4,450,001 and £23,000,000, plus 0.0003 multiplied by your organic certified sales over £23,000,000

Brandholders

	What to declare
Brandholders who source fully-packed and labelled products from non-SA certified suppliers, sell retail only, and do not carry out purchase of ingredients or manufacture	Please declare the purchase price paid to your supplier – fees will be based on our standard fee structure on page 1
Brandholders who purchase pre-packaged retail products and sell them to other businesses, having not carried out any processing/labelling, and have not taken ownership of raw materials.	If purchasing from SA certified suppliers declare the difference between your purchase and sales price If purchasing from non-SA certified suppliers declare entire sales value - fees will be based on our standard fee structure on page 1
Symbol User Agreement - Brandholders who source fully-packed and labelled products from SA-certified suppliers, have the SA symbol applied to their products, sell direct to consumers only, and do not carry out purchase of ingredients or manufacture	£250 on application and annually
Contracted symbol users (subject to our agreement, your subcontracted manufacturers can apply the symbol to your products regardless of their certification body)	£105 per contract on application and annually

Food For Life Supplier Scheme

The Food For Life Supplier Scheme is for suppliers who can provide products which meet one or more of the Food For Life Served Here Standards. Organic licensees are automatically eligible for this, and can join the scheme free of charge. www.soilassociation.org/certification/catering

	Fee
Membership of the scheme per year	£1100
Membership for all Soil Association registered organic processor and producer licensees	Free
Membership for Soil Association Organic Wholesalers per year	£550

Additional schemes	Fee
Canadian Organic Regime (COR) standards	£1245
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
Inspection to Naturland standards	£271 payable direct to Naturland plus inspection fee quoted on an individual basis
AB logo, for exporting products to France (optional use of an additional logo)	£82
PWAB (US Export Checklist)	£191
Inspection to Bio Suisse standards	£208

BRC	Fee
BRC audit and certification fee, with certification provided by 5* BRC certifier Kiwa PAI – for more information call us on 0117 914 2406	£3,078 (includes up to two days/16hrs audit <u>and all expenses</u>)
BRC audit and certification fee for BRC Storage & Distribution (S&D) and BRC Agents & Brokers standard only (A&B). Gluten Free Certification Programme (GFCP)	£2,430 (for a one day audit and <u>includes all expenses</u>)
BRC voluntary modules (AVM audits) ASDA Free From, ASDA AA module, FSMA, Traded Goods, Gluten Free module 12: AO ECS	£770
Additional half day (or part of) audit. Certificate extension fee.	£770 (includes all expenses)
Cancellation fee if cancelled within 28 days of agreed inspection date	£404 / day (plus any incurred travel and accommodation fees)

Additional inspections

If more than one day is required for annual inspection, or an additional inspection is required during the year, these are charged at £404.

Inspection cancellations

	Fee
Less than 10 working days' notice given	£202
Less than one working day's notice given	£404

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

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.