

Certification fees for Aquaculture to Soil Association standards or organic regulations (in GB or NI)



Application review fee

The application review fee is applied to all aquaculture applications. This will cover a full review of your application documentation, including the site description and sustainability management plan, environmental impact assessments (where required) and the animal health management plan (where required). This review will ensure that we have assessed that organic certification is appropriate for your operation. Following a successful application review, the annual fee will be charged, and the application can progress to the application inspection stage.

We estimate that this application review will take 6 weeks to complete, this is based on submission of all the required information, this timeframe may vary depending on the scope of the application.

Where a new site is added to an existing licence, the application review fee will be applicable. Following successful review, the additional inspection charges will be applied to cover a site inspection.

Application review fee	£ 656
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Aquaculture and seaweed production licence fee

Annual certification	Seaweed production (wild harvesting and cultivation)	£799
	Bivalve production	£875
	Finfish sites (per holding or management area, includes both hatcheries and on-growing sites)	£6,765

Annual fees are based on your total certified organic sales each year and are payable on your annual renewal date. Fees include your annual inspection and all core services throughout the year.

Fees for Primary and Secondary processing of Fin fish

Annual renewal - core fee	If your annual certified organic sales are £131,301 or under, there is a fixed fee	£1,120
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Annual renewal – levy fee		If your annual certified organic sales are over £131,301 your fee is calculated as a levy on those sales, based on the brackets below:	
Total certified organic sales		Your annual certified organic sales (net of VAT):	Fee multiplier
from	to		
£131,301	£2,858,625	Core fee (as above) <i>plus</i> sales from £131,302 to £2,858,625 multiplied by	0.00853
£2,858,626	£5,301,450	<i>Plus</i> the next £2,442,825 of sales multiplied by	0.00425
£5,301,451	£27,388,515	<i>Plus</i> the next £22,087,065 of sales multiplied by	0.00284
£27,388,516		<i>Plus</i> any sales above £27,388,515 multiplied by	0.00085

Any other aquaculture processing activities are covered under GB Soil Association processor license.

Inspection services

Canadian Organic Regime (COR) standards	£1,912
Remote compliance inspection	£300
Naturland	£1,120
Bio Suisse	£546
AB Logo	£110

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 £656.

Additional technical time

Where exceptional technical time is required, for instance for investigations, this will be charged at £656/day. Additional laboratory analysis will be recharged at cost.

Inspection cancellations

	Fee
Less than 10 working days' but more than 5 working days' notice given	£328

Less than 5 working days' notice given	£656
Non-refundable travel expenses	Full cost of expenses

Travel Costs

In exceptional circumstances, we may apply reasonable travel and accommodation charges for work carried out in isolated or hard-to-reach locations.

Certificates for Export

Certificates for export (EU COIs/ USA NOPICs)	£42
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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. For further information please contact our Credit Controller on creditcontrol@soilassociation.org or 0117 914 2456.

VAT

All fees are exclusive of VAT.