



QCS Handling Fee Structure

This fee structure is for operations that do not further process, package, or re-label organic products.

The following sales-based option is intended to provide certification for operations of various sizes and types.

Please select the option for which you qualify and which represents the best value.

A \$25 non-refundable credit will be awarded each year if your application & fees are submitted by your renewal deadline

Annual Certification Fees <i>Due with Application</i>			Inspection
Bracket	Operation Size	Certification Fee	
1	\$0-\$100,000	\$1,072	Included in annual certification fees
2	\$100,001 - \$500,000	\$3,072	
3	\$500,001 - \$750,000	\$3,822	
4	\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	\$4,572	
5	\$1,000,001 - \$1,500,000	\$5,122	
6	\$1,500,001-\$2.5M	\$6,222	
7	\$2,500,001-\$5M	\$8,972	
8	\$5M - \$7.5M	\$11,722	
9	\$7.5M - \$10M	\$14,472	
10	\$10M - \$15M	\$19,972	
11	\$15M-\$20M	\$25,472	
12	\$20M - \$25M	\$30,972	
13	Greater than \$25M	\$41,972	

Note: There will be an additional fee for the review of more than 75 single ingredients or 40 multiple ingredients. This will be billed at the rate of \$60/hour. Please contact QCS for further information.

Additional Certification Options (ADD-ONS): Fees due with application and upon annual renewal.		
	Verification	Fee
International Verifications	EU 834, Canada Organic Regime (COR).	\$200 each
	US-Canada Organic Equivalence, US-Taiwan Organic Export Arrangement., or US-Korea Organic Equivalence	\$150 each
	US-Japan or US-EU, or US-Switzerland Organic Equivalence	\$50 each
	Bio Suisse	\$350
Expedited Certification	\$1,875 for handling 30-40 working days. \$550 for each applicable international verification. Contact the QCS office if you seek priority application processing.	
	\$3750 for handling 15-20 working days	

Other Fees: As applicable	
Additional Products/Label Review	\$60/hour 15-20 working days or \$180/hour expedited 3-5 working days, \$360 for 24-48 hour turnaround (QCS reserves the right to decline this service depending on availability). To add certified products during the certification year (not during the annual renewal).
Transaction Certificate	\$60 each. Includes domestic overnight mailing; additional expense for international mailing will be billed.
Reinstatement Fee	\$500, due with initial app.
Mediation Fee	\$250 for mediation resulting from an administrative noncompliance (e.g. failure to renew), \$450 for mediation resulting from technical noncompliance; due upon QCS acceptance of request for mediation.



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QCS reserves the right to charge additional fees, as applicable, for all other administrative and certification related services not specifically listed. Administrative time is billed at \$60/hour.

DESCRIPTION OF FEES AND REFUND POLICY

Certification Fees Certification Fees are the base annual fees due each year for certification. The amount of fees to be paid depend on the bracket chosen from the table. Certification fees are due at the time of initial application (1st year) and on anniversary date in subsequent years. A \$25 non-refundable credit will be awarded each year if your application and fees are submitted to QCS by your renewal deadline.

Inspection Fees & Sampling

One component of certification is that you may be subject to unannounced inspection and testing. Your certification fees take into account one such inspection – you will not be billed separately if one is conducted.

Expedited Certification

Expedited certification is intended for clients that are seeking priority processing of their Organic System Plan (OSP) – 15 to 20 or 30-40 working days for certification. QCS' ability to complete the certification process in this time frame depends on submittal of a completed application/organic system plan, supporting documentation and fees; a willingness to respond quickly with any additional information requested by QCS; inspector availability; and availability of client to be present at inspection. Expedited certification fees are in addition to certification fees. The inspected party must pay all inspection fees including additional travel expenses incurred to accommodate the expedite inspection.

Refund Policy If the application is withdrawn before an inspector has been assigned, one half of certification fee may be credited. If withdrawn after inspector has been assigned, certification fees are nonrefundable. Expedited certification fees are nonrefundable. If you are denied certification, fees are nonrefundable and all invoices must be paid according to terms.