



Certification Fee Schedule

All fees listed do not include GST. All fees are non-refundable. Fees are reviewed every year on July 1.

Southern Cross Certified does not charge Industry Development Levies

Application Fees

Application Fees are waived for those operations that are transferring from another certification body.

A once off Application Fee of \$150 is to be paid upon submission of application. Application fees are not charged for subsequent applications for certification.

Certification and Annual Renewal Fees

Certification fees (fees paid upon initial certification) are to be paid after a decision on certification has been made. Annual renewal fees (fees paid annually) are to be paid when the annual audit report has been issued. The funds must have been received by Southern Cross Certified before a certificate can be issued or re-issued.

The following table is for Australian based operators. For operators not based in Australia, certification and annual renewal fees are \$1320 for each scheme, plus audit costs.

Scheme Name	Certification and Annual Renewal Fees for Australian Based Operators	
	First Scheme	Second Scheme*
AS 6000	\$632 + Audit Costs	\$1320
National Standard**	\$1320 + Audit Costs	\$632
USDA NOP & Canada ⁺	\$1320 + Audit Costs	\$632
Certified Regenerative Standard	\$1320 + Audit Costs	\$632
SXC Allowed Input Scheme	\$1320 + Audit Costs	\$632

*For more than 2 schemes, each additional scheme has a fee of \$632.

**National Standard certification includes EU certification for unprocessed plant products, processed agricultural products for use as food (excluding wine and yeast), propagating material and seeds for cultivation. For EU certification of livestock, unprocessed livestock products, wine, yeast and animal feed products, there will be an additional \$632 fee.

+Australian based operators wishing to be certified to USDA NOP must also be certified to the National Standard. Canada market access is by way of the [US-Canada Organic Equivalence Arrangement](#).

Audit Costs

Audit Costs include time spent onsite auditing (charged at \$155 / hour), travel and accommodation expenses (charged at cost) and for all schemes other than NOP, any laboratory testing if required (also charged at cost). To minimise audit costs:

1. Ensure all information held by Southern Cross Certified is up to date. You can use your portal to do this.
2. Prior to the audit, use the checklist to ensure your operation meets all requirements.
3. Have the necessary documents ready for review.
4. Liaise with Southern Cross Certified to organise concurrent audits in the same region to share travel and accommodation expenses with other operators. In these cases, the auditor will determine the appropriate share of the costs.