

Application for certification – generally fee information and information about nonrefundable fees for the initial review of application documents according to the National Organic Program (NOP) Final Rule, 7, CFR Part 205 des United State Department of Agriculture (USDA)

If you are seeking for certification, we first will send you freebie information material concerning the NOP standard as well as an Organic Product Handling Plan (OPHP). In case you want to apply for certification, you must submit a complete filled out OPHP with all requested annexes and information as an official application according [NOP §205.401]. After receiving your application documents we will perform an initial review and feasibility study. The fees we charge for this initial review will not be refundable and will be calculated on an hourly rate of 70.00 €/h.

The average time for reviewing you application will be up to 1,5 hours = 105.00 €

Please note that if your application is not complete we will have to ask you for further information, which thereafter will be reviewed again. These extra fees will not be refundable and will have to be charged with 70.00 €/h the same way as described above.

After our feasibility studies determines that you may be able to comply with the NOP regulation, you will be provided with the written result as well as with to exemplars of the NOP contract. You will also be provided with your customized estimation of the fees you will be charged yearly. This customized estimation is based on the information in your application documents.

After we receive both exemplars of the signed NOP contracts, we will countersign and send back one exemplar to you. At that time we will charge the nonrefundable initial contract fee for new clients.

Please note that you may withdraw your application, dismiss your contract or surrender your certificate (if already issued) at any time in a written way NOP §205.402 (c)]. You are liable only for the costs of services provided up to the time of the withdrawal.

Generally fee information:

Fees per hour and other charges	€ netto
Travelling costs:	
Travelling time per hour	60.00
Kilometers per client (official kilometer rate)	0.42
Inspection, administration , organization, certification:	
Hourly rate for inspection	90.00
Hourly rate for service concerning administration, organization, report (basis = 1 h, each further hour 70.00 € in addition)	70.00
Hourly rate for certification (basis = 1.5 h, each further hour 70.00 € in addition)	70.00

All prices in € - not including 10 % VAT.

This offer is valid until revoked.

Initial contract fee for new clients (not refundable): 90.00 €

The first inspection will be conducted after paying the amount

Initial contract fee will only be charged after positive review of the initial application

Additional service:

Product or individual certificates, per certificate 38.00 €

Other requested services, per hour 70.00 €

Express surcharge: effective inspection fees +30%

Reimbursement of fees:

All fees will be charged according to the real allowance (hours, kilometers). The inspector will document the real allowance on the customized administrative sheet ("Betriebsblatt") which has to be checked and thereafter countersigned by you. At any advances and/or lump sum payments, the final statement after actual expenses and any balance will be refunded.

We are looking forward to a good cooperation
sincerely your team of "Austria Bio Garantie"