



# Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute

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## Application and Certification Fees with Supplements

### 1. New Applicant fees:

(Valid for all new applicants in all categories of certification.) *These are one time fees paid on the initial entry into the MVOAI certification program. They cover the expenses incurred in processing new applicants. (Note: Family farms/ small business applying for more than one category, ie. Farm and Processor, pay the full price for the higher fee and 50% of the second, smaller fee. Applicants transferring from other certification programs will receive a 50% reduction on these fees)*

<b>APPLICATION FEES (new applicants)</b>	Family Farm/ Small Business	Commercial Farm	Handler/ Co-processor	Manufacturer Processor	Grower Group/ Cooperative
<b>North America</b>	\$200	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$350
<b>International</b>	\$250	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$400

### 2. Annual Certification fees

(paid yearly by each certified operation)

The annual assessment provides the finances for MVOAI's administrative time and expense to manage the inspection process, process the paperwork, arrive at a decision and issue the documents necessary for certification. It also includes review and approval of restricted use products.

Inspection fees and travel are billed according to the chart below. They include travel, inspection, and report preparation.

Certification fees also listed below are for processing the certification application, arriving at a decision, and issuing the certification documents. The lowest certification fee generally applies for a single applicant with a normally configured, contiguous, operation that grows, processes

and/or handles a single product, or product group. It is predicated upon the certification of an applicant for whom the inspection and sampling can proceed unimpeded.

For larger multi-location farming areas, large and/or dispersed processing or handling facilities, multiple cropping operations, multi product processing or handling facilities, or other specialized circumstances or production methods, higher fees apply depending upon the additional processing time needed to properly evaluate and certify the increased degree of complexity and/or difficulty. (See chart) Fees for all operations are quoted as an estimate with the certification cost estimate.

Among those additional cost factors to be considered would be: (1) the types and numbers of products involved; (2) the volumes of product involved; (3) the number of product lines involved; (4) the amount of time required to perform the third party inspections; (5) the amount of administrative time involved; (6) the amount of Certification staff time required to review and evaluate the application materials; and (7) other special considerations such as sampling, terrain, remoteness of location, and necessary additional services or extraordinary expense which may include, but is not limited to appeals, probation, violations, extensive technical support, materials research, late fees, expedited mail, second party labeling, and import/export work done on behalf of the grower.

<b>Clients</b>	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Fees</b>	
<b>Producers</b> <b>Processors</b> <b>Handlers</b> <b>Exporters</b> <b>Importers</b>	<b>Travel and Inspection</b>  <b>Certification Coordination, Report Preparation and Presentation</b>	<b>\$495 per day*(approximate)</b>  <b>\$495 per day</b>	<b>Billed in ¼ day units</b> <b>(Based on a minimum of an 8 hour day)</b>
<b>Costs</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Certification Fees</b>	Certification fee USDA Certification fee EU* Certification fee JAS*	\$300 to \$900 \$400 to \$900 \$400 to \$900 (Based on Time Required and in the case of EU and JAS certification, the fees of partner certifier)	*EU and JAS certification done in conjunction with partner certifiers
		* Actual bill will be based on fees of the inspector and time spent.	

Fees Calculation Basis:

Appeal Payment/Deposit	As quoted and at cost
International Appeal Deposit (rectified upon completion)	As quoted and at cost
Violations	As quoted and at cost
Extensive Technical Support (Staff)	\$70/hour
Extensive Technical Support (Certification Committee)	\$150/hour
Reviewing Corrective Actions	\$70/hour
Expedited Mail	At cost
Requests for non-confidential information	Hourly at cost plus mailing cost (Generally \$50 per hour)
Reinstatement Fees	Hourly at cost (Generally \$50 per hour)
Copies of certification certificates	Hourly at cost plus mailing and materials cost
List of MVOAI certified operators	Hourly at cost plus mailing and materials cost
Testing reports results	Hourly at cost plus mailing and materials cost
Other permitted information	Hourly at cost plus mailing and materials cost
Additional Label review	At cost (Generally \$50/hour)
Export or Import Expatiation	At cost (Generally \$50/hour)
Materials review	At cost (Generally \$50/hour)
Second Party Labeling	At cost (Generally \$50/hour)
Other Services (Quoted on request)	

Notes: Application fees are non-refundable once the application has been processed.

Certification cost estimate:

Based on above-mentioned fees, a detailed estimation of the overall costs will be presented for each inspection and certification. The client is requested to give his written confirmation by email or letter.

Currency Payment is made in US Dollars only.

Payment: An advance of 50% of the overall costs is obligatory with confirmation of the inspection date and schedule. After finalization of the certification, a final invoice for all effectively needed days and services is submitted. Payment must cover all costs of bank transfers.

MVOAI will provide each applicant with an estimate of the total cost of either organic certification or Vedic Organic Certification and an estimate of the annual cost of updating the certification at the time of application. If at any time the applicant wishes to withdraw from the application or certification process, the applicant shall be liable for the costs of services provided up to the time of withdrawal of the application. Certification fees are non-refundable once the yearly certification process is complete.