

# THE ORGANIC FOOD CHAIN PTY LTD

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## Client Information Kit



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**No hidden Levies & No Export Certificate Fees**

## **Introduction to the OFC**

The Organic Food Chain Pty Ltd (OFC) represents the vision of a commercially orientated organic farmer and their extended families. This family recognised the need for an organised and highly accountable system of Organic Certification and product differentiation.

The OFC quality system meets the rigorous requirements of The Department of Agriculture (DofA) making us an Approved Organic Certifying Organisation.

The OFC is currently registered with the European Union as an Organic Certifying Body complying with Regulation EC 94/92 as part of Regulation EC 2092/91.

### **What the OFC can do for you?**

- OFC will help you become certified under an organic management system; either as a producer, processor, retailer, wholesaler and/or exporter;
- OFC will assist you to overcome the common problems that arise with implementing an organic system;
- Provide the nationally and internationally recognised OFC logo;
- Provide a confidential and professional service.

OFC will keep you up to date via our newsletter and other communications on:

- Changing policies and procedures in organic systems
- Market trends nationally and internationally,
- New innovations nationally and internationally.

Our aim is to make the OFC brand synonymous with Quality Organic Products leading the industry on a global basis.

## What is Organic?

Organic farming and processing is about working with natural inputs and minimising adverse environmental impact. A key principle in organic production systems is to direct farming activity to improve the soil so that plants and animals are provided with an abundance of naturally occurring nutrients rather than synthetic substances.

Organic certification offers you:

- Access to the rapidly growing global & domestic market for organic products
- Well known logo associated with product integrity.
- The potential of receiving a premium price for your product.
- Customer reassurance that products are produced organically while being closely monitored.

## How do I become certified organic?

Organic farmers and processors require an organic management plan that identifies how they are planning to operate; supported by records that are audited annually.

The OFC certification system, quite simply, provides an objective assessment of your operation's compliance with the Standards against which we audit.

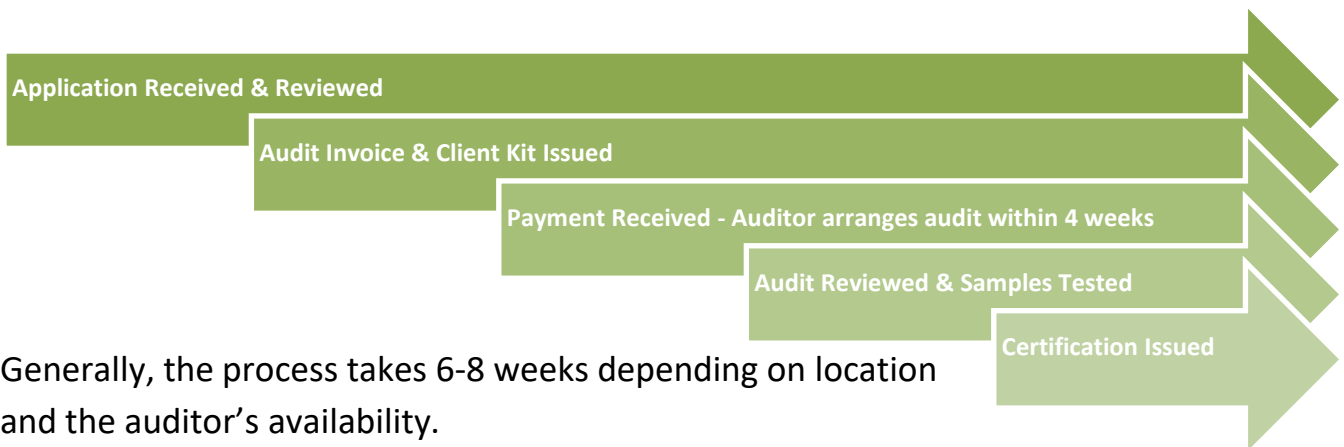
When you become a client you receive a client kit which contains the following:

- **National Standard for Organic & Bio-Dynamic Produce**
- **Organic Management Plan (OMP) templates**
- **Maximum Residue Schedule** – This lists all maximum residue limits.
- **Organic Produce Certificate (OPC) templates** – These are required to export organic product shipments over 10kg/10L.
- **Formulation Calculators** – These calculate the organic percentage of your products and are used to submit your product formulation to OFC for approval.

We also provide a technical advice service which can assist with most enquiries on the spot.

## How long does it take?

- Producers**

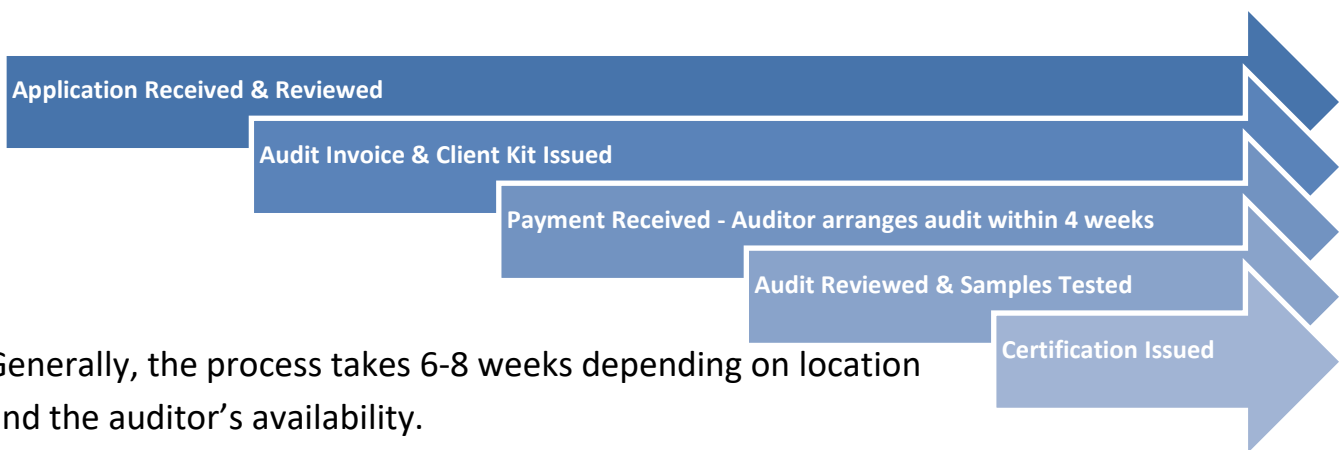


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Full organic certification for new producers is a 3 year process.



- Processors / Wholesalers / Retailers / Exporters**



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As part of the certification process products also need to be approved.



## Information Regarding Fees

### Fees are charged upfront

- No levies
- No hidden costs – any additional costs are outlined in our fee schedule
- You know when your certification fees are due; invoices issued 2 months prior to certification expiry

### Value

It is simply exceptional value for money – your upfront fee covers:

- The annual audit, conducted by independent professionals
- Chemical residue analysis testing
- Certificate issue
- Organic Produce Certificate issue
- Logo use