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Frequently asked questions – NASAA Certified Organic operators

What happens to my organic certification now that NASAA Certified Organic has ceased operations?

Your certification to the National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce (National Organic Standard) is no longer valid. However, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department) has established a policy to support NASAA Certified Organic and all other organic approved certifying bodies to ensure a relatively smooth transition so that certified operations can continue with minimal disruption.

What is the department doing to support NASAA Certified Organic operators?

The department has established a policy for organic operators affected by this decision. This policy provides direction to NASAA Certified Organic, NASAA Certified Organic operators and other approved certifying bodies on complying with the National Organic Standard certification requirements. Under the policy, NASAA Certified Organic operators will be able to apply for a limited extension of their National Organic Standard certification, with a new organic approved certifying body.

What is the next step I should take?

Contact a new organic [approved certifying body](#) to determine how to extend your certification to the National Organic Standard.

How long do I have to transfer?

You will be required to transfer before your current certification expires or by 26 September 2025. Whichever comes first.

Can I export organic goods if I haven't transferred?

No. You will be required to transfer to a new organic approved certifying body first.

What about conformity agreements?

If you export organic goods outside of equivalence arrangements (that is, leveraging a private standard e.g. Australian Certified Organic Standard or NASAA Organic and Biodynamic Standard), it is the responsibility of operators and/or exporters to contact a new organic approved certifying body with the appropriate accreditation for that private standard to.

What happens if I have outstanding corrective actions/non-compliances from my previous audit?

If requested by the new organic approved certification body, outstanding corrective actions/non-compliances must be communicated to the new organic approved certifying body at the time of transfer.

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How will my NASAA Certified Input certification be affected?

Contact your new organic approved certifying body to discuss.

Fees

Decisions relating to charging of fees are at the discretion of each organic approved certifying body.

More information

Contact OrganicExports@aff.gov.au if you have any concerns.

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