



IS7.3 Additional Acreage

INFORMATION:

In order to add additional land and/or crops/livestock to the certification an application for additional acreage must be completed, returned to NCO with payment and assessed for approval in principle prior to inspection. Please allow enough time for this process. It is not sufficient to present the inspector with a request when they arrive for reinspection.

Under the rules of the AQIS Australian National Standard any additions to all parts of the certified area must go through at least one year of **precertification** and one year of **conversion** before being eligible for upgrade to **organic**. If prohibited products have been used prior to this application, three years under organic inspection is required before the land - and the products produced are eligible for organic status.

A soil test is most likely to be required.

1. TIMING PREFERENCE:

- a) The addition of previously or currently uncertified land most economically takes place at the time of reinspection as this minimises costs for the operator.
- b) Where land is added at other times of the year the cost will be higher, as an additional requested inspection is required.
- c) It may be possible to bring the normal scheduled inspection forward if timing is appropriate (ie within 1 month). This option will be assessed by the office.

2. LAND TITLE & LOCATION:

The costs of adding additional acreage will vary according to whether the additional land is:

1. On the same title or new title but physically attached to your existing title; or
2. On a new title and not attached but close enough to be recognisably attached to the current certified area (eg across the road or a few blocks down the road);
3. Distant from the land already certified. Where the distance is significant (ie travel costs will be incurred), the application will most likely be as an ML (Multiple Location) and we will set up an additional file for the property. NCO will endeavour to always inspect the main operation and the ML together.

3. APPLICATION FEE

Determine which Application Fee applies by reference to Location Types in Section 2 above.

Type 2.1: Additional Area Application Fee as per current Fee Schedule

Type 2.2: Additional Area Application Fee as per current Fee Schedule

Type 2.3: Multiple Location Application as per current fee Schedule

For timing type 1.a) and 2.1 and 2.2, there is no extra inspection cost unless the time spent for inspection has to extend beyond 3 hours. Any additional inspection time will be invoiced at the hourly rate after the inspection.

For timing type 1.b), an Inspection deposit is required per the Fee Schedule. This may be greater if the operation location is remote &/or complex. Post inspection assessment time will also be invoiced as per Fee Schedule. If you would like a quotation, please contact the Inspection Coordinator.

Soil Test fee is invoiced after inspection (cost as per Fee Schedule).

4. APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

a) **Indicate Timing Preference:** Please indicate your expected timing preference by circling:

a) b) c) (See 1. above for choices)

b) **Complete the Additional Acreage/Additional Crop/Livestock Application Form** for each physically separate (i.e. non-adjacent) block of acreage, or for additional adjacent acreages that have different management histories. If you want to add crops or livestock, these must be stated.

c) **Provide map(s)** covering the new land and indicating the location.

d) **Provide land history information** for the past 3 years (as per Additional Acreage/Additional Crop/Livestock Application Form).

Send to NCO for approval in principle PRIOR to the inspection.

e) **Make the Application payment.**