

Organic Certification Rebate

2023-2024



Program Objective

The objective of the Organic Certification Rebate program is to encourage more Nova Scotian farms to become certified organic, as well as to support those who have already made the changes needed to be a certified organic farm in the province.

Eligible Applicants

- Farms
- Mi'kmaq conducting farming activities in a Mi'kmaq community

Program Criteria

Applicant must be:

- Certified organic in Nova Scotia at time of application
- currently and properly registered under the *Farm Registration Act*
- is at least 19 years of age, a resident of Nova Scotia and actively farming in the program year

Financial Assistance

The Organic Certification Rebate program provides a maximum of \$750 at an assistance level of **50%**.

Note: Funding for the program is limited and the final decision to support will be determined by Programs.

Eligible Activities

- Organic Certification Fees

Note 1: Implementation activities are not eligible under this program.

Note 2: Certification must be done through a third-party certification body.

Ineligible Activities

These include but are not limited to:

- Administrative / general overhead
- In-kind contributions
- Existing staff salaries
- Travel and
- HST

Application / Approval Process

To apply for the Organic Certification Rebate program:

- Submit a complete application with all supporting documentation by **February 14, 2024**
- Submit a complete Program Funding Registration Form
- Submit a paid invoice for the Organic Certification Fee's
- Attach proof of payment for the invoice: e-transfer confirmation, debit slips, cleared cheques, or credit card / bank statements. (invoices marked paid and signed by the supplier are not accepted)

Note: Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Programs Division will Confirm Organic Certification through Organic NS.

Applications are assessed based on the information and supporting documentation. If an application requires further assessment or information, Programs staff will follow up with the applicant.

Application Deadline	Activity Period
February 14, 2024	April 1, 2023 – February 14, 2024

Authority

The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture shall have the authority to deny an application if there is evidence of misrepresentation of pertinent information, or if the department believes that an application does not conform to the spirit of the program.

Evaluation and Audit

Review and evaluation of projects may be carried out by NSDA, Government of Canada or other parties chosen by NSDA for the purpose of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining financial assistance. This review and evaluation process may be conducted prior to project commencement, during work or upon project completion. Applicants may be asked to complete an evaluation survey related to their final claim.

Confidentiality

Applicants consent to the release of their name and the amount of support received under the program. This specific information is deemed to be public information, to be actively disseminated by NSDA. NSDA may provide any information from an applicant to another public body or a law-enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation, undertaken with a view to a law-enforcement proceeding or from which a law-enforcement proceeding is likely to result. Any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Contact Information

Please submit all documents to Programs at the address, email or fax number below. For more information, please contact Programs or your regional office.

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