



# CCOF

# Expedited Certification Program

*CCOF rush service: when you need organic certification fast*

CCOF is dedicated to providing efficient, professional, cost-effective service. All applications and special requests are processed in the order received. Due to the importance and complexity of the application review, inspection, and compliance review process, CCOF recommends that certification applications are submitted 12 weeks prior to organic harvest, projected sales or other deadlines.

**For special situations with short certification time frames, CCOF provides expedited services to meet your needs. To enroll sign up below and fax the completed form with payment to CCOF at (831) 423-4528.**

### Who is this program for?

- Operations that are capable of compliance but have not allowed sufficient time to undergo the certification process. Examples include operations with impending harvests, market releases, or product launch deadlines.
- Operations who wish to finish the certification process as soon as possible.

### What will CCOF provide?

- Your application receives top priority processing. All correspondence will be emailed, faxed, or shipped to you as efficiently as possible.
- CCOF will begin securing an inspector immediately. Once your application is reviewed and accepted, your inspection will occur as soon as possible based upon inspector availability and your schedule.
- The inspection report will be submitted to CCOF within 2 business days of the inspection.
- CCOF will review the inspection report upon receipt and identify outstanding issues, or grant certification within 3 business days.

### Can certification be guaranteed by a certain date?

- No, certification is dependent upon compliance on-site, quality of your application, and the inspector's findings. CCOF will expedite the process, but many factors affect the final certification decision.

### How much does expedited service cost?

- \$1475 for new certification applicants. Includes \$275 initial application fee.
- \$1200 additional facility added to existing certification.
- \$750 for new acreage at existing farming operation.
- Inspection and annual certification costs still apply. While CCOF makes every effort to minimize inspection costs, expedited services may incur higher costs.

### What is expected of the client?

- A *complete* application describing your organic practices is fundamental to organic certification and will be critical for CCOF staff to successfully expedite the process.
- Timely responses to information requests during the application and inspection review processes.
- Payment of expedited service fees and subsequent certification costs.

### What if I don't enroll?

- CCOF will process your application as quickly as possible and provide you our best available service. Every effort will continue to be made to ensure the process continues efficiently.

I have read and understand the terms of CCOF's Expedited Certification Program. Please enroll my operation and begin expedited services immediately. Enrollment information:

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

- A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is included payable to CCOF.
- Please charge my credit card  MC  Visa  AmEX Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Billing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Start the Organic Certification Process Today!**

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