



Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd
Gorseland, North Road, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 2HE
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Applying for Certification

****Who is Eligible?***

Any Producer of Beef &, or Lamb in Wales is eligible to apply for Certification under the ***Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Scheme***

Any Producer of an Organic agricultural or horticultural product; processor or importer of Organic produce in Wales is eligible to apply for Certification under the ***Welsh Organic Scheme*** or apply to convert an existing business to Organic production.

Any Keeper of Sheep; Cattle or Goats in Wales is eligible to apply for certification for a Quarantine Unit under the ***Welsh Government Quarantine Unit Scheme***

Certification under a Scheme will only be granted if, on Assessment, the Business is seen to comply with the relevant Scheme Standards covering production principles, animal welfare, hygiene; biosecurity and environmental controls.

How do I become Assured?

Complete the ***Application Form*** & provide any additional information required by the Scheme which you are applying for. The information provided will be reviewed to confirm eligibility.

An Assessment of your Business will then be carried by one of our Assessors to confirm that it fulfils, & can continue to fulfil, the requirements of the Scheme Standard. You will be advised of any aspects that do not conform to the Scheme Standard which will need to be rectified before Certification is granted. Following this the Business will be re-assessed at the interval specified in the Scheme Standard however it may be selected for an additional Assessment at any time.

What if we have Several Units?

If the business has several units but remains under the same operational control, one Assessment is normally sufficient, but it may be necessary to undertake a longer Assessment that may incur additional cost. You will be contacted to agree to this before we proceed.

I am Assured?

A business that is already assured by another Certification Body may apply to transfer to one, or more, of the Schemes operated by QWFC Ltd providing it is eligible. Please contact the office directly on 01970 636688 for further information

****Am I ready to Apply?***

Be sure you are ready for the Assessment before you apply. The Scheme Standard & QWFC Terms & Conditions should be read carefully & any potential non-conformances rectified before Assessment.

****How do I Apply?***

Return the completed ***Application Form***; any additional information required by the Scheme which you are applying for & Direct Debit Mandate to:

Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd, Gorseland, North Road, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 2WB.

Or email to info@qwfc.co.uk

After receiving your Application we will contact you to confirm eligibility & create a WLBP online Farm Records Account. Following this we will instruct an Assessor who will contact you to make arrangements to complete the Assessment. If you are unable to agree a suitable date for Assessment within a reasonable period, we will ask you to get in touch with us when you are ready.



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***When do we Pay?**

Fees are payable by Direct Debit & will be debited from the account on or after the 28th of the month in which you applied and annually thereafter. A VAT invoice will be sent to you for your records.

Details of current fees can be found on the ***Scheme Fees Leaflet***.

***When am I Assured?**

Once conformance to the ***Farm Assured Welsh Livestock or Welsh Organic Scheme Standard*** has been verified you will either be sent a ***Letter*** confirming ***Certification*** or a ***Certificate of Conformity***, valid for one year depending on the Scheme

Once conformance to the ***Welsh Government Quarantine Unit Scheme*** has been verified you will be issued with a ***Certificate for the Unit*** valid for eighteen months. You will need to re-apply beforehand if you wish to continue using the Unit after the expiry date

You will also be listed as an Assured Producer on the QWFC Website.

Re-Assessment?

The business will be re-assessed at the interval specified in the Scheme Standard. Producers may also be selected, at random, for an additional Assessment.

Further Information

Copies of the documents referred to & other details information on the operation of the Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Scheme; the Welsh Organic Scheme & the Welsh Government Quarantine Unit Scheme may be found on our websites www.qwfc.co.uk, www.fawl.co.uk; www.welshorganic.co.uk or contact us directly on 01970 636688.