

Send Me a B-QUAL Certification Information Kit

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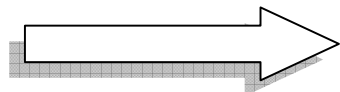
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A B-QUAL information kit contains following items will be mailed to you within two working days:

- An introduction from the Chairman
- General information booklet
- Shelf Learning Pack Application Form

The kit allows you to become involved with the B-QUAL program and seek Certification.

Fax or mail this page to:
B-QUAL ADMINISTRATION



7 Steps to becoming B-QUAL Certified

1. Enquire to B-QUAL through 1800 630890; or e-mail bqual@ausqual.com.au; or log on to www.bqual.com.au;
2. Complete the B-QUAL Self Learning Pack Form and pay for the education program (\$231 including) and you are added to the member's database.
3. Complete B-QUAL Self Assessment and return to B-QUAL
4. Implement B-QUAL Standards at your enterprise
5. Request a B-QUAL audit (Audit request form)
6. Undertake an audit with a B-QUAL auditor
7. Certification is granted by B-QUAL



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QUALITY ASSURANCE
PROGRAM FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN HONEY
BEE INDUSTRY

B-QUAL is owned and operated by:
B-QUAL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

B-QUAL is an initiative of the AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE
INDUSTRY COUNCIL (AHBIC)

B-QUAL Overview

It is well recognised in the honey industry that quality standards in relation to food safety are demanded by customers, wholesalers and governments. Also, it is necessary to comply with the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Food Safety Standard, which requires food businesses to develop a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) based food safety programme.

B-QUAL Objective

B-QUAL Australia Pty Limited has been established by the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council as an independently developed and audited food safety programme.

The project involves a three year programme with the ultimate aim of ensuring that a critical mass of all honey produced in Australia is quality assured for both domestic and export customers. The specific requirements of the European Union (EU) for the export of honey and honey products (including organics) will be met. The requirements of FSANZ Food Safety Standard will also be developed. The adoption of these standards will enable continued market access both in Australia and overseas. The project will produce for industry to adopt, an auditable biosecurity plan.

It is also proposed that the adoption of a national quality standard will form the basis of an ongoing programme to ensure industry best practice and ongoing industry training.

The development of an organic standard provides a new niche market for honey and honey products. The prices of products of organic farming are generally higher than the alternative products as many people are willing

to pay a higher price because of environmental protection.

Product standards include all facets of production and services of the industry including honey, queen bees, pollination and honey packing. The resulting system provides a self-policing means of ensuring standards are kept at industry best practice and meet the domestic and international market demands.

What does B-QUAL cover?

As the industry quality assurance program B-QUAL includes the production and delivery of the:-

- Industry Food Safety Plan
- 'Honey Quality Standard' booklet
- QA templates to assist beekeepers with the writing of a quality manual
- Training materials for industry facilitators
- Auditor training manual
- National 'Auditor Training Workshops'
- Templates will also include criteria for the production of organic honey.
- Development of an industry biosecurity plan

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How does B-QUAL Certification benefit my business?

By being B-QUAL Accredited, an enterprise is able to clearly demonstrate that it is operating in accordance with the requirements and expectations of consumers, markets, regulatory authorities and the wider community in relation to the key issues of food safety and industry best practice.

B-QUAL Certification also enables an enterprise to market its product under the B-QUAL program logo to show that it has been

produced in accordance to the B-QUAL standards.

What does B-QUAL cost?

(a) Initial Cost

Training Course \$231 (Inc. GST)
Initial Audit Fee \$420* (Inc. GST)

*Approximate only: four (4) hours with travel included; variation would relate to size and scope of enterprise and other activities that may be relevant to the participant.

(b) Beekeepers (Over 50 hives)

Annual Membership Fees \$110 (Inc. GST)
Audit Fee \$420-00* (Inc GST)

(c) Recreational Beekeepers (Less than 50 hives)

Annual Membership Fees \$55 (Inc. GST) Audit Fee \$420-00* (Inc GST)

(d) Umbrella Groups

Annual Membership Fees \$110 Annual Audit approximately \$880 (Inc. GST)

*Bi-annual audit is possible if letter of approval for such an audit regime is approved by the packer that is being supplied. This only applies where a beekeeper only supplies to a single packer.

**Costs are indicative only and may vary depending on supplier of audit services and/or location.