



**Plant Health Alliance**

## Explanation of Plant Healthy Certification Scheme Fees

This document aims to describe all Plant Healthy Certification Scheme costs for applicants and members.

- **Plant Health Alliance, Plant Healthy Limited and appointed Certification Bodies**

Plant Healthy Limited is a not-for-profit company that was established to administer the finances of the Plant Health Alliance. The Plant Health Alliance Steering Group is the Governing Body of the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme.

Both appointed Certification Bodies (CBs) – [Grown in Britain and NSF](#) - are not-for-profit companies.

- **Scheme membership fees** - annual fee based on turnover bands (Appendix 1) paid to Plant Healthy Ltd.

These fees are collected by the CB that a scheme applicant or member selects. The fees are then paid by the CB to the Alliance to cover scheme costs which include:

- General administration and governance of the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme.
- Working with the Technical Managers of the CBs to ensure all documentation and resources (e.g. guidance, self-assessment systems, templates etc.) are fit for purpose and kept up-to-date.
- Improving the requirements in the Plant Health Management Standard (through a Technical Advisory Group and [working with researchers to produce guidance](#)).
- Ensuring alignment with regulatory frameworks.
- Registration and policing of the use of the Plant Healthy Certification Mark.
- Promotion of the scheme within industry and to the general public.

- **CB administration fees** - annual fee based on certification option A – C (Scheme Rules – section 4)

These fees cover the costs of the CB's Technical Managers who work closely with the Scheme Manager to ensure the scheme is delivered in line with internationally accepted auditing procedures. This fee also covers administration associated with arranging audits and issuance and renewal of certificates.

- **Assessor fees** - fees for assessors to conduct the audit

Most assessors are freelance and are contracted by the CBs to conduct inspections. Assessors are professionals who are required to meet certain qualifications and be suitably trained. This fee also covers administration work between CB and the assessor in conducting the audit and liaising with CB Technical Managers re: audit reports and technical reviews.

- **Assessor expenses** - annual costs for assessors to travel to and from site

Covers the costs of travel to a site for an audit. The CBs aim to have sufficient assessors across the country to ensure travel and associated costs to the site are kept to a reasonable level.

*N.B.* All parties are not-for-profit and committed to keeping costs at a reasonable level and working to a high standard with a view to helping safeguard the sector and our countryside from the threat posed by notifiable plant pests.

Please feel free to contact the Scheme Manager ([planhealthy.org.uk/contact-us](http://planhealthy.org.uk/contact-us)) with any questions.

**Appendix 1 - Scheme membership fees**

All membership fees detailed below are exclusive of VAT.

Turnover Band	Band Limits	New Fee	Date of Change
1	below £100K	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025
2	£100K - £500K	£137	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025
3	£500K - £1M	£220	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
4	£1M - £5M	£485	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
5	£5M - £10M	£740	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
6	£10M - £30M	£985	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
			1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025
			1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025
7	£30M - £100M	£1,750	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025
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8	£100M +	£2,500	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2025

**Certification Body and auditor costs**

As explained on page 1 - the fees set out above do not include Certification Body administration fees, assessors' fees and expenses which are arranged directly with the Certification Body and in accordance with the scheme rules.