

Accredited Certification Bodies Service Snapshot

What is the difference between Regional and COR Certification Bodies (CBs)?

Both types of CBs can certify products to the British Columbia Certified Organic Program (BCCOP). These Certified Organic products can display the BCCOP checkmark on approved labels.

BCCOP Certified Organic products can display the BCCOP checkmark on approved labels, while COR certified products can also use the Canada Organic logo.

Chart Key

- 1 C = Crops, L = Livestock, P = Processing, P/L = Packaging & Labeling
- 2 AA = Accepting Applications all year, AD = Application Deadline
- 3 FT = Fulltime, PT = Part-time, V = Volunteer, Other
- 4 E = Entire Province, R = Regional Area
- 5 C = Canada Organic Standards, AR = Additional Requirements
- 6 G = Grower Meetings, T = Transition Workshops, Other, FT = Farm Tours, ES = Educational Seminars, M = Mentoring

Accred-itation	Certifier	Scope ¹	Entry Window ²	Office Hours ³	Geographic Area ⁴	Standard ⁵	Other Services ⁶
COR	BCARA BC Assoc. for Regenerative Agriculture	C, L, P, P/L	AA new AD renewal Mar31	PT	Fraser Valley/Canyon, Sunshine Coast, Gulf Islands, Okanagan, Vancouver Island, Price George	C	G
COR	FVOPA Fraser Valley Organic Producers Association	C, L, P, P/L	AA	FT	Canada Wide	C	G
COR	PACS Pacific Agricultural Certification Society	C, L, P, P/L	AA	FT	Canada wide	C	
Regional	BDAS Biodynamic Agricultural Society of BC	C, L, P	AD Mar 31	PT	E	C, Demeter International	
Regional	IOPA Islands Organic Producers Assoc.	C, L, P	AA	PT	Vancouver Island and the other Gulf Islands	C, Guidelines available at: www.iopa.ca	G, ES, listserve, FT, M
Regional	KOGS Kootenay Organic Growers Society	C, L, P	AD Mar 1	10 hrs per month	East of Creston, Kootenay South, Nakusp South, West of Grand Forks	C	
Regional	LEOGA Living Earth Organic Growers Assoc.	C	AD Mar 31	V	Okanagan & Similkameen up to Peachland, Naramata and Oliver	C	
Regional	NOOA North Okanagan Organic Assoc.	C, L, P	AA	PT	E	C	G, ES, M, FT
Regional	SOOPA Similkameen Okanagan Organic Producers Association	C, L, P	March 31	PT	Mainly Similkameen & south Okanagan Valleys	C + whole farm policy	