



# Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Commissioner

## ORGANIC CERTIFICATION ENTITY REGISTRATION APPLICATION

New                       Renewal

Registration expires on December 31 of the year issued

### Company Information

**YOU MUST NOTIFY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IMMEDIATELY IF ANY INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION CHANGES.**

Certification Entity:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Physical Address (if different from Physical):		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Contact Person:	Title:	
Primary Phone Number:	e-mail:	

Registration requirements for certifying agents and entities are specified in Chapter 40-7-17-.02 and Chapter 40-7-17-.03.

1. Certifying agents and entities must provide a copy of their USDA accreditation as a certifier or a letter to the Commissioner of Agriculture from the USDA stating accreditation is not required.
2. All registration forms must be accompanied by a registration fee of \$250 (nonrefundable) made payable to the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The enclosed registration fee of \$250 covers the registration period ending December 31, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A Certification organization must list all the Georgia clients the agency has granted organic certification.

Name of Client	Address of Client
A.	
B.	
C.	
D.	
E.	
F.	

**\*\*Attach additional pages if necessary**

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Date Application received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# Verification of Lawful Presence Within United States

## (O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1)

The Georgia Department of Agriculture is required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 to verify citizenship/immigration status for all public benefits issued. All public benefits are defined in the law as certifications, licenses, registrations, state grant, etc. All new and renewal licenses are required to complete a notarized affidavit and provide one form of acceptable documentation as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1. The department will implement this change online no later than July 1, 2013. As directed by law, GDA will utilize the Federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

A notarized affidavit and one form of acceptable Secure and Verifiable documentation is required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1. Secure and Verifiable documents will only need to be submitted one time. Companies will only have to resubmit when their respected ownership changes.

Where can I get my affidavit notarized?

- Contact your local town or city hall.
- Visit an official court near your location.
- Check your banking or financial institution.
- Research your local notary options online.
- Contact your insurance company to determine if it has a notary you can use.

What documents are acceptable for the Secure & Verification (S&V) process?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. Passport</li><li>• U.S. Military I.D</li><li>• Driver's License<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Issued by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. State</li><li>• District of Columbia</li><li>• Puerto Rico</li><li>• Guam</li><li>• Northern Marianas Islands</li><li>• Virgin Islands</li><li>• American Samoa</li><li>• Swain Islands</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Tribal Identification<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Federally Recognized Native American tribe</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent Resident Card<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Green Card</li></ul></li><li>• Employment Authorization Document<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– VISA</li></ul></li><li>• Passport Issued by a Foreign Government</li><li>• Merchant Mariner Document<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Issued by U.S. Coast Guard</li></ul></li><li>• Canadian Driver's License</li><li>• Certificate of Citizenship<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Issued by U.S. Dept. of Citizenship &amp; Immigration Services</li></ul></li><li>• Birth Certificate<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Issued by U.S. Dept. of State</li></ul></li></ul> |
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Additional information regarding O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 can be found at:

Dept. of Homeland Security (SAVE Program) - <http://www.uscis.gov/>

Georgia Attorney General Office - <http://law.ga.gov/>

Georgia Dept. of Agriculture - <http://agr.georgia.gov/>

Georgia Dept. of Audits and Accounts - <http://www.audits.ga.gov/>

**For assistance, call the Customer Service Center at  
404-586-1411 or toll free 855-4-AG-LICENSE (855-424-5423)  
You can also send an email to [gdaicensing@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:gdaicensing@agr.georgia.gov)**

**O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) Affidavit**

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
[*type of public benefit*], as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from  
\_\_\_\_\_ [*name of government entity*], the undersigned applicant  
verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a United States citizen.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.

My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:\_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_(state).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN  
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: