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We price certification as fixed-fee audit programmes, with duration determined using the applicable scheme and accreditation requirements. A fee pays for an audit — never for an outcome.

Fixed-fee audit programmes

We quote a **fixed fee** for a defined audit programme across the three-year certification cycle. The fee is based on audit duration, which we determine using the applicable scheme and accreditation requirements (IAF MD 5 for QMS, EMS and OHSMS) and any scheme-specific rules — driven by your effective headcount (including shifts and part-time), number and location of sites, scope and complexity, and delivery mode.

What the fee covers

A programme fee covers the planned audit activity and the certification decision:

- Application review and audit planning.
- Stage 1 and Stage 2 initial audits.
- The independent certification decision and issue of your certificate.
- The planned surveillance audits across the cycle.

Recertification at year three is quoted for the next cycle.

What the fee does not buy

This is the important part. **A fee pays for the audit and the assessment of evidence — it does not buy a certificate.** Certification is granted only where the evidence supports conformity, by a decision-maker independent of the audit team. No part of any fee is contingent on the outcome, and paying more never changes a decision.

Additional audits

Activities outside the planned programme are quoted separately — for example scope extensions, transfers, follow-up audits after a nonconformity, or short-notice audits to investigate a complaint. Where extra audit time is needed, we tell you why and quote before proceeding.

Payment terms

Payment terms, accepted currencies and any applicable taxes are set out in your quotation and certification agreement. Fees are payable for the audit work performed regardless of the certification decision — because the decision follows the evidence, not the invoice.

Transfers

If you transfer a valid, accredited certificate to us under the applicable transfer requirements, we review your current certification before quoting, and size the programme to your remaining cycle.

Contact

To request a fixed-fee quotation, use the [application form](#), or reach us via the [contact page](#).