



PQA Plus™ Factsheet

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As a Producer, how do I get certified in PQA Plus™?

To become PQA Plus™ certified, you must attend a PQA Plus™ certification training session conducted by a PQA Plus™ Advisor. The Advisor will submit your registration to the National Pork Board (NPB.) A PQA Plus™ certification card will be issued to you by NPB.

There is no examination or site assessment required for PQA Plus™ certification, and a producer can be certified without obtaining a Site Status for their production site(s).

To find an advisor near you, contact the Pork Checkoff Service Center at (800) 456-PORK (7675) or visit the PQA Plus™ Web site at www.pork.org

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- A PQA Plus™-certified individual who has a relationship/responsibility for animal management at the production site must be identified.
- The PQA Plus™ site assessment must be by either a PQA Plus™ Advisor or by an individual with a PQA Plus™ Site Self-Assessment Endorsement capability for this site.

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What is PQA Plus™ Self-Assessment?

To receive a PQA Plus™ Self-Assessment Endorsement, you must:

- Hold current PQA Plus™ certification.
- Attend a training session with a PQA Plus™ Advisor to review GPP 10 and the assessment.
- Pass an exam covering the GPP 10 materials and the on-farm assessment process.

Endorsement is valid until the producer certification must be renewed (maximum of three years.)

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