SA8000® Certification Costs

The cost of certification to the SA8000® Standard depends on the size, scope, and location of the organization, and varies depending on the number of days and auditors needed to conduct the audit at the organization’s site(s). The number of audit days is set out in Procedure 200.

The general costs are as follows:

- **The SA8000 Social Fingerprint® Self-Assessment**: USD300 (charged by Social Accountability International)

- **Certification Cycle (audit days and other related costs)**: typically USD400–1,500 per day (charged by the certification body based on location and market prices)

Once the Self-Assessment is complete, the applicant organization requests a SAAS-accredited certification body for a quote of the certification cycle. This quote of the three-year certification cycle typically includes the initial certification of the organization’s site(s) and management system, as well as monitoring visits (surveillance audits) every six months. These costs are typically paid in installments throughout the certification cycle.

Some organizations may require pre-audit work, which is separate from the cost of certification. The cost for this work depends on the state of readiness for implementation of the Standard at the organization’s site(s). These costs may be related to:

1. Improvements required in order to comply with the Standard
2. Preparing for the audit (e.g., administrative costs)
3. Taking corrective actions to resolve non-conformities (if such have been identified)

To begin the process, click here.