



Certified Naturally Grown Apiary Certification

To complete the certification process for your apiary, follow these steps:

1. Review the Apiary Certification Standards.

Be sure you're comfortable with the practices that certification would require – and prohibit. Pay particular attention to the List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Appendix II) as well as the transition schedule in Appendix V.

2. Identify at least two other members of your “local network”.

This could be a formal network like a county beekeepers association, or it could be an informal network of beekeepers in your area with a commitment to using natural methods. Either way, you'll need at least two other beekeepers with whom you can consult about your challenges and techniques.

3. Complete CNG Apiary Application online at www.naturallygrown.org.

It should take no more than 30 minutes assuming you have all the answers in your head (you probably do). You'll be contacted by CNG within four weeks.

4. Send to CNG your signed Declaration and Annual Contribution.

You'll receive the Declaration plus more information via e-mail or postal mail after your application is accepted. CNG requires all members to make a financial contribution. We recommend \$50 - \$200 but leave it up to you to determine the exact amount, whether more or less.

5. Make arrangements for your apiary inspections.

Your inspections will be carried out by beekeepers you know. At least one should be someone in your local network. It's up to each participating beekeeper to identify who will conduct the inspection (ideally an experienced beekeeper with a commitment to natural practices) and to agree on a date and time for the inspection to take place. At least two inspectors per season must visit the apiary.

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