

What's the difference between AOL and ACO?



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Australian Organic Limited is the leading organic industry body representing all certifiers and certified operators.



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ACO Certification Ltd is Australia's largest certifier for organic and biodynamic produce and has over 2000 operators within its certification system.

Where funding is sourced:

- Industry development levies
- Membership fees
- Sponsorship and events
- Grants and funding

How funding is sourced:

- Industry development
- Promoting and protecting certification
- Policy and standard development
- Industry, advocacy and marketing
- Education, networking and events
- Industry awards
- Feedback and lobbying to the government
- R&D coordination and facilitation

Membership

AOL offers three levels of membership, including:

- **Certified Organic Operator Membership** (voting membership)
- **Trade Membership** (non-certified operators and non-voting)
- **Consumer Membership** via our Bud Organic Club (non-voting)

Member benefits include being a part of and having your say in the strategic direction of Australian Organic Limited, receiving regular industry updates including via our monthly newsletter, receiving exclusive member discounts for industry events and publications, and marketing opportunities through AOL.

Where funding is sourced:

- Certification and auditing services

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- Certification services. e.g. auditing and technical support
- Direct market access to international markets
- Non-exclusive license to use the most widely recognised organic logo in Australia (the Bud logo)

Clients

- Certification services with ACOCL
- Licensee of the most widely recognised organic certification logo in Australia - the Bud logo
- Certification and standards related updates