



Hurry! Time is running out to apply for GAP Connections Certification!
Deadline: April 15 at midnight

FAQ:

- **When is the deadline to apply for GAPC Certification?** April 15 by midnight
- **How do I apply for GAPC Certification?** Visit www.gapconnections.com to log into your grower profile. Go to "Certification" and "Apply or Renew" to begin your application.
- **I forgot my password:** If you have a valid email on file with us, you may reset via email. Otherwise, call GAPC office at 865.622.4606 to reset your password.
- **I was GAPC Certified in 2018, do I still have to apply?** YES! In order to maintain your GAPC Certification, you are required to submit a 2019 renewal application by April 15. Please remember to include any associated growers on the application. Failure to do so will result in that grower to lose Certification.
- **Is there a cost for the application?** Yes. First year applicants (growers not currently Certified): \$150 for online applications, \$200 for paper applications, \$50 for each associated grower. Second Year renewals (growers who are Certified): \$100 for online renewal, \$150 for paper renewals, \$50 for each associated grower.
- **I've submitted my application, what's next?** The primary grower will receive an email or mailed Certification Approval Packet which includes information on the four auditing firms, GAPC Audit Price Table, GAPC Certification Compliance Guide, and Certification Checklist. It is the growers responsibility to contact an auditing firm by April 15 to schedule the audit/site visit. Expect 2-3 business days for the application to be approved.
- **I have Associated Growers on my application, what do they need to do?** After the application has been approved, the Associated Grower must login with their Grower ID and password to accept the Terms & Conditions. When the Associated Grower logs in, a RED BOX will appear on their dashboard. Click on the box to complete the Terms & Conditions for Certification.
- **Where do I send my FSA 578 form?** We recommend uploading the FSA 578 form within the application. However, if you are unable to do so you may fax (865.622.4550), email (info@gapconnections.com), or text (865.622.4606) to GAPC office. Application will **NOT** be reviewed until we have all forms. Year 2 applications do **NOT** have to submit a 578 form. ALL growers must present 2019 FSA 578 form at time of farm audit or site visit.
- **I have missed training, what do I do?** Contact your county Extension Office to schedule a time to watch the training video. All growers listed on the application must complete annual GAP Training by **June 30**. View calendar of training [HERE](#).
- **Other requirements?** 2019 Self-Assessment must be complete by time of audit or site visit.
- **HELP!** GAPC staff are here to help! If you have questions call GAPC at 865.622.4606

For more information or to apply visit our website at www.gapconnections.com

[Apply Here](#)



2019 Self-Assessment

The self-assessment is available now at www.gapconnections.com. To complete, log into your profile via our website at www.gapconnections.com. On your Grower Dashboard go to "Self-Assessment" > "Grower Self-Assessment".

Reminders:

- Growers going through the GAPC Certification program are required to complete the Self-Assessment by the time of the audit/site visit. It is one Self-Assessment per operation.
- The Self-Assessment will auto save after every 10 minutes. If the screen goes blank, don't panic, it's just saving.
- After a question is answered the box will turn blue. Any grey boxes are the ones you will need to answer.
- The percentages will update at the top of the page each time you submit your answers. Depending on the speed of your internet the new percentages could take 5 seconds to 15 seconds to update.

GAP Connections Records Now Available in Excel Format

Are you a grower that keeps records on the computer? GAP Connections has a great new tool for those who like to utilize keeping records digitally. All the same information in the paper records are now available to download in an Excel workbook.

Download the file [here](#).



Compliance and Assessment Coordinator

Exciting & unique opportunity for a Compliance and Assessment Coordinator with GAP Connections in Knoxville, Tennessee. Assist in growers participating in the GAPC Certification program, other assessment programs, and much more. For more information, including the job description, visit our website at www.gapconnections.com. Apply online at www.agcareers.com.

Human Resources and Legal Helpline for Growers



GAPC partnered with Littler Mendelson, attorneys at law, for a third year to provide growers with a comprehensive risk management helpline service carefully designed to help manage workforce employment issues and reduce exposure to employment related liability. This helpline is free to all GAPC grower members.

Growers can access the helpline by phone (866) 823-6333 or by email LittlerHRhelp@littler.com. When contacting the helpline, please be prepared to provide, your name, GAPC grower ID #, location, type of issue, phone and email (if available).



Annual GAP Training is wrapping up! View the list of remaining training events [HERE](#). Reminder: If you are going through Certification, ALL growers listed on the application must complete annual GAP Training by **June 30**.



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