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	Certification options	Applies to
1	Single	Organisations operating out of 1 site (a single location with 1 physical address) who would typically opt for certification against the CoC Default Standard unless eligible for the CoC CFO Standard or included in a CoC Group certificate.
2	Multi-site	Organisations handling or trading certified products at more than 1 location (physical address). All sites are individually audited against the CoC Default Standard, although not all requirements would necessarily apply to all sites. 1 CoC code and certificate are shared across all sites. For example, an organisation with 2 processing sites and 1 trading office might be certified as a multi-site.
3	Group	Organisations with multiple locations – this could be a group of individual enterprises or an organisation with multiple sites. Under this option, the group designates a central office function that establishes internal controls and is responsible for the compliance of all sites with the CoC Standard. The CAB audits the central office and a sample of sites against the CoC Group Standard, instead of every site receiving an audit as in a multi-site certificate. 1 CoC code and certificate are shared across all sites. Specific eligibility for CoC Group certification is included in 6.2.2.
4	Consumer-facing organisations	Organisations that serve or sell seafood exclusively or primarily to the final consumer (typically in a retail or foodservice environment). Consumer-facing organisations (CFOs) can be a single site operation or have multiple locations. For an organisation with multiple locations, a designated central office function is established internally and is responsible for the compliance of all sites with the CoC Standard. The CAB audits the central office, operations sites (where relevant) and a sample of consumer-facing sites against the CoC CFO Standard. This might include restaurants, restaurant chains, fishmongers, retailers with fish counters and caterers. A single CoC code and certificate are shared across all sites. Specific eligibility for CoC CFO certification is provided in 6.2.3.