



## Plant Pass and KPCS equivalence for nurseries supplying Kiwifruit, shelter trees, and other plant species

### Why certification?

The National Kiwifruit Pathway Management Plan (Pathway Plan) sets out biosecurity risk management practices that must be adhered to for the movement of plant material into kiwifruit orchards. Certification schemes provide a simple and cost-effective means for nurseries to achieve this. Certification also provides plant producers with recognition for managing risk in their operation.

### Certification options

KVH has run the Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS) since 2015 and this is a kiwifruit specific scheme for movement of kiwifruit and shelter plants into kiwifruit orchards. KPCS certification meets the requirements of the Pathway Plan.

There is now another option for biosecurity certification for plant producers, Plant Pass.

*Plant Pass is a voluntary certification scheme for New Zealand plant producers recognising good biosecurity practice and providing assurance for plant buyers. It protects plant producers, their customers, the environment, the New Zealand economy, and way of life from pest and pathogen threats.*

Plant Pass is not a kiwifruit specific scheme, it is a national scheme to manage risk for all nursery plant movements whether these are for horticulture, vineyards, forests, home and garden or the conservation estate. Plant Pass provides kiwifruit nurseries with another certification option, and KVH and NZPPI have worked together to recognize equivalence between the KPCS scheme and Plant Pass, subject to a few small additional requirements as described below.

### What certification option should I choose?

**KPCS:** The KPCS is a kiwifruit specific scheme and is administered by KVH. Therefore, for nurseries whose primary business relates to the kiwifruit industry this is the recommended approach. If the nursery also produces a small amount of other plant varieties not intended for kiwifruit orchards, they can apply for Plant Pass certification having demonstrated they apply KPCS risk management practices across the entire nursery.

For KPCS certified nurseries wanting to achieve Plant Pass (PP) Core Standard certification for their other crops they first register with Plant Pass, and then work to ensure that the biosecurity practices detailed in the KPCS manual are being applied across their whole production system to all the crops they grow. If the KPCS certified nursery also grows crops subject to a PP Specific Module, example myrtaceae, the annual audit will also need to include the appropriate PP Module.

Contact KVH, [kvh.org.nz](http://kvh.org.nz) and Plant Pass ([office@plantpass.org.nz](mailto:office@plantpass.org.nz)) for further information.

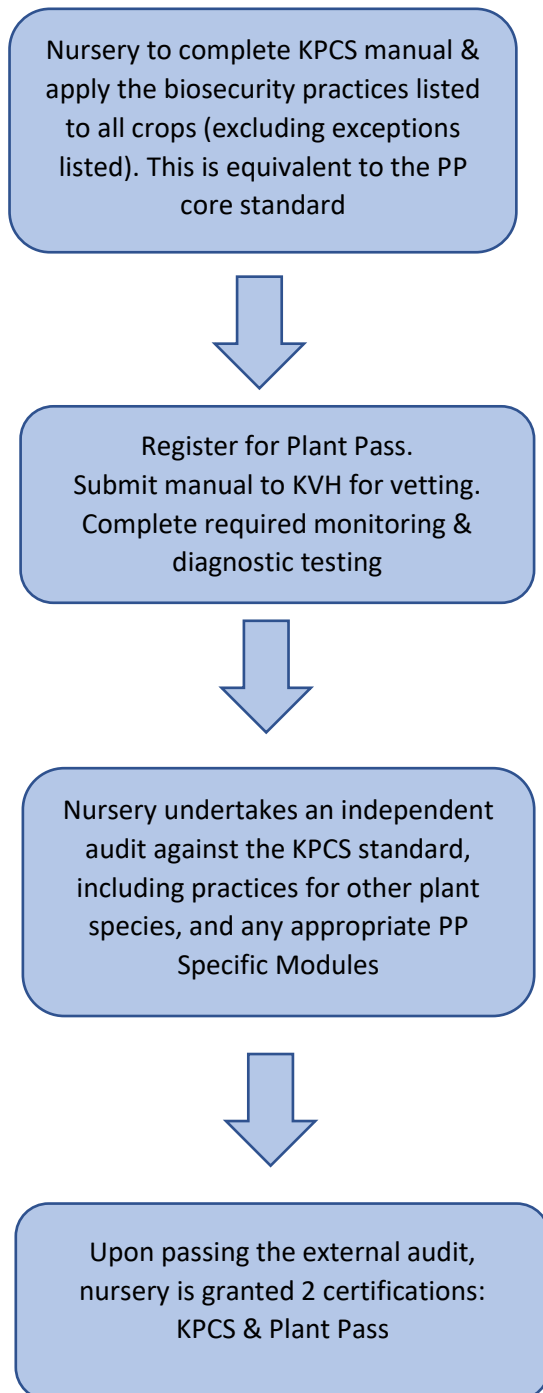
**Plant Pass:** For nurseries who grow multiple crops and kiwifruit is a portion of their business but not the major focus, then Plant Pass certification is more appropriate with the additional kiwifruit module which has been developed to meet the kiwifruit specific requirements of the Pathway Plan.

If you are interested in gaining KPCS equivalence based on your Plant Pass certification through the please contact KVH for further information, [kvh.org.nz](http://kvh.org.nz).

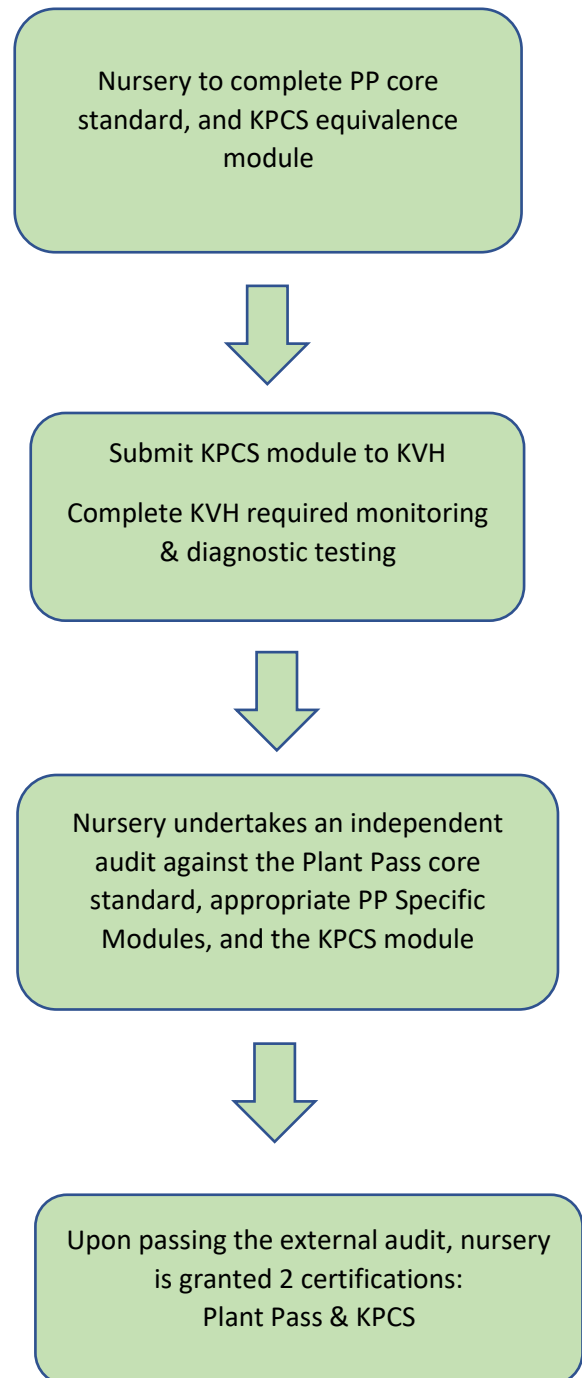


## Process for achieving certification

### KPCS Nursery wanting to gain PP equivalence



### PP nursery wanting to gain KPCS





## Do I need to apply all KPCS control points to other crops when seeking plant pass equivalence?

The KPCS is a kiwifruit specific biosecurity standard, and some control points may not be relevant for other crops. The following exceptions apply to the KPCS manual for species **other than** those addressed in the KPCS (*Actinidia* and shelter belt species destined for kiwifruit orchards):

Section:	Exception:
Pest Free Place of Production (PF)	Overhead irrigation is acceptable for non-KPCS species
Traceability (TR)	Traceability processes shall include all propagation material
Traceability (TR)	Reconciliation records are not required for non-KPCS plant species
Propagation Material (PM)	Propagative material for non-KPCS plant species does not need to be sourced from certified mother plants
Propagation and Plant Husbandry (PP)	Wound protection is not required for non-KPCS plant species
Crop Protection Program (CP)	Application of a crop protection product on arrival of incoming stock, and prior to dispatch is not required for non-KPCS plant species
Monitoring (MN)	Independent monitoring and routine diagnostic testing are not required for non-KPCS plant species <i>*internal crop monitoring is required for PP equivalence and any detected pests that cannot be identified should be sent for diagnostics*</i>
Disposal of Waste (DW)	Disposal of waste from non-KPCS plant species does not require use of KVH approved methods
Dispatch (D)	Application of a crop-protectant to non-KPCS plant species is not required for PP equivalence

For further information on kiwifruit and shelter tree nursery requirements, please see our website:

[kvh.org.nz/protocols-movement-controls/nurseries](http://kvh.org.nz/protocols-movement-controls/nurseries)

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