

SCOTTISH RURAL PAYMENTS – SCHEDULE OF KEY DATES

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What information is included

This document summarises all key dates for farming businesses seeking to apply for funding from the Scottish Rural Paying Agency, also known as the Rural Payments and Inspections Division of the Scottish Government. Information covers the payment windows and the dates by which 95% of payments (by value) are expected to be made. Dates for the start and end of different types of inspections, and application and payment dates for any loan schemes, are also included.

Who is this information for?

The information provided in this document is for general information but is aimed at rural customers, particularly farming businesses and their agents.

How to use this information

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Further Information and Contact Details

If you have any questions about the contents of this document please contact email engage.are@gov.scot or contact your local Rural Payments and Inspections area office.

Scheme Year 2015			
Scheme	Value of total payments to date	Payments complete by	CAP Pillar
BPS/Greening/Young Farmer	99.9% paid	Estimated September 2017 A very small number of applications of significant complexity will take longer and are processed on a case by case basis	1
SSBSS/SUSS	100% paid	N/A	1
LFASS	97% processed, 312 still to clear (if all eligible)	Further payments in October 2017*	2
Rural Priorities	99.5% paid, 16 still to pay	Estimated October 2017**	2
LMO	99.74% paid, 6 still to pay	Estimated October 2017**	2

**as in any LFASS scheme year, a small tail of complex cases will take months/years to process – not all outstanding will qualify for payment*

*** as in other years, some of the remaining small tail of complex Rural Priorities and LMO claims may prove not to qualify for payment*

Scheme Year 2016				
Scheme	Key Dates	Majority of Payments Made	95% of total value of payments made	CAP Pillar
BPS/Greening/Young Farmer	N/A	N/A	98% complete. Outstanding payments on the majority made by end of September 2017, other than the usual complex cases that require additional work	1
SSBSS/SUSS	N/A	N/A	99.9% and 92% paid as at 6 September 2017. Complete by end of September 2017.	1
LFASS	Payments begin around end of September	End October 2017	End February 2018	2
Rural Priorities	Payments begin by end of August 2017	September 2017	End December 2017	2
LMO	Payments begins September 2017	October 2017	End December 2017	2
FGS	Payments began September 2017	October 2017	End December 2017	2
AECS	Payments began August 2017	October 2017	End December 2017	2
BES	Payments begin end of October 2017	October 2017	End December 2017	2
Crofting Agricultural Grants Scheme	Always open for applications, assessments and payments done on a rolling basis	N/A	Payments on receipt of invoices	2
New Entrant Capital Grant Scheme	Always open for applications, assessments and payments done on a rolling basis	N/A	Payments on receipt of invoices	2
Small Farm Grant Scheme	Always open for applications, assessments and payments done on a rolling basis	N/A	Payments on receipt of invoices	2
New Entrant Start Up	Open, closes end of September Assessments and payments done on a rolling basis	N/A	Payments on receipt of invoices	2

Young Farmer Start Up	Always open for applications, assessments and payments done on a rolling basis	N/A	Payments on receipt of invoices	2
Knowledge transfer and Innovation Fund	Always open for applications	N/A	Payments on receipt of invoices	2
Food Processing Marketing and Cooperation	NPAC Assessment dates planned for 26/10/2017 and 28/03/2018. No further dates planned at this point.	N/A	Payments made on receipt of invoices.	2
LEADER	Action lies with the Local Action Groups and accountable bodies, check local areas group for more information.	N/A	SG will directly pay grantees on receipt of invoices received, via the Local Action Group.	2
Environmental Cooperation Action Fund	Under review	N/A		2

Scheme year 2017				
Scheme	Key Dates	Majority of Payments Made	95% of total value of payments made	CAP Pillar
SAF 2017	15 th March – 15 th May			
BPS/Greening/Young Farmer	The payment window opens on 1 December 2017 and closes on 30 June 2018, and we aim to start making payments in March 2018	March 2018	End June 2018	1
SSBSS/SUSS	The payment window opens on 1 December 2017 and closes on 30 June 2018, and we aim to start making payments in May 2018	April/May 2018	End June 2018	1
LFASS	Payments begin May 2018	May 2018	End August 2018	2
Rural Priorities	Payments begin by end of May 2018	June 2018	End September 2018	2
LMO	Payments begin by end of May 2018	June 2018	End September 2018	2
FGS	Payments begin by end of May 2018	June 2018	End September 2018	2
AECS	Payments begin by end of May 2018	June 2018	End September 2018	2
BES	Payments begin by end of July 2018	July 2018	End October 2018	2
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BPS/LFASS loan schemes	Open for applications: NBPS - end September 2017 NLFASS – after 1 April 2018 Payments begin: NBPS -1 st week November 2017 NLFASS – early May 2018 (if required)	N/A	Schemes based on applicants choosing to apply	
Inspections	Sheep and Goat Identification – 1 January to 31 Dec Cattle Identification – at any time of the year which starts on 1 June Scottish Suckler Beef Support Scheme – combined with Cattle Identification inspections Sheep Identification – 1 January to 31 December Scottish Upland Sheep Support Scheme – at any time during the retention period (currently 17 October to 31 March) Land: Effectively year-round; Main population (Pillar 1/BPS) 15 th May – 31 st December. Spring checks selected April 1 st ,			1&2

	<p>completion by 1st June. Winter Checks: Selected December, completion by 15th March.</p> <p>Capital: 1st January – 31st December inclusive; rolling applications, inspections selected every 2 weeks. <i>[CAGS]</i></p> <p>Cross-compliance: Follows pattern of Land Inspections, but 1st January – 31st December Inclusive</p> <p>Plant Health: Initial selection for current year made in October/November, inspections carried out year – round.</p>		
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LFASS	April – 30 June 2019* <i>*New EU legislative requirement to align with BPS/Pillar 1 Payment window</i>	April/May 2019	End June 2019	2
Rural Priorities	Payments begin by end of May 2019	June 2019	End September 2019	2
LMO	Not applicable – scheme now at an end	N/A	N/A	2
FGS	Payments begin by end of May 2019	June 2019	End September 2019	2
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Scheme year 2019*		
Scheme	Key dates	CAP Pillar
SAF	Opens 15 th March 2019 Closes 15 th May 2019	1&2

*key dates restricted to SAF window only due to uncertainty over Brexit, this will be regularly reviewed as we go through Brexit process.