



# Specialist Advice

Application Form



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Please complete this form in **black** ink and **CAPITAL LETTERS**

## Section 1: Business Details

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1. Scottish Government Business Reference Number (BRN)

2. County Parish Holding Number (CPH)

3. Business name

4. Contact name (If different to above)

5. Business address

Postcode

Landline number

Mobile number

Email address

6. Type of business (e.g. limited company/sole trader/partnership. If other, please specify)

7. A farm or croft is only entitled to Specialist Advice in follow-up or conjunction to an Integrated Land Management Plan.

Has the business already received an Integrated Land Management Plan? (please place an x in the correct box?)

Yes

No

8. Please put an X against the type of enterprise that you consider to be the main enterprise of the business

Less Favourable Areas (LFA)  
cattle and sheep

Pigs

Non-LFA cattle and sheep

Horticulture and permanent crops

Mixed holding

Cereals

Dairy

General cropping; Forage

Poultry

General cropping

If other, please state

9. Please indicate your holding size (place an X in the relevant box).

Less than 20 hectares (ha)

100 to less than 200 ha

20 to less than 50 ha

200 ha and over

50 to less than 100 ha

10. In addition to an Integrated Land Management Plan, businesses may also receive up to two specialist advice plans during the period 2016-2020. Specialist plans in the topics listed as 2-9 in the table below are funded up to a maximum of £1,000 per plan (the business must pay the VAT in full). Farm efficiency plans and succession planning may receive funding for up to 80% of the costs, up to a maximum of £800 funding per plan (again VAT must be paid by the business). Are there particular areas in which you require specialist advice at this stage?

1. Improved farm efficiency

6. Water pollution, prevention and control

2. Climate change adaptation and mitigation

7. Organics

3. Soil and nutrient management

8. Archaeological & historical site advice

4. Biodiversity, habitat, landscape  
management

9. Animal Welfare

5. Woodland management and conservation

10. Succession planning

Please provide any further detail or background to your requirements and justification for the need for specialist advice.

11. Is the business VAT registered?

Yes

No

## Section 2: Declaration

- I have read the scheme booklet and agree to abide by the scheme rules.
- The answers given in this form are correct and I accept full responsibility for them.
- I accept that making a false or misleading statement, which leads to a fraudulent claim may result in to this grant being refused or reclaimed from my adviser.
- I confirm that I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the business detailed in Section 1.

**Please note, up to £800 (80% of costs) will be paid towards business efficiency advice and up to £1,000 (or 100% of costs) towards the other topics (for reference see topics listed 2-9 in question 10), this will be paid directly to the provider of the service, you will be responsible for paying the provider the balance of any costs and the total VAT on the service.**

I have included a quotation from my selected specialist advice provider describing the service and the cost

Yes

No

Signature

If signing as a partner, give name of farming partnership

Name in Block Capitals

If signing as a company secretary/director, give name of limited company

Date

If signing as an agent (e.g. farm manager), give name of your principal

If an agent (including a farm manager or land agent) is signing this form, please submit evidence with this form to confirm authorisation to do so (for example appointment letter, extract from board meeting,) When evidence is not available, the participant must be the signatory.

Information that you share with us will be used only in the delivery of the Farm Advisory Service by Ricardo Energy and Environment, SAC Consulting, the FBAASS adviser you have selected and the Scottish Government. Further information on how we look after your information can be found at <https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/privacy-policy/> or in hardcopy from your local Scottish Government Area Office.

Please return  
this form to:

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