Overview of schemes

Use the tables below to find funding that is relevant to you and check what has changed since the last programme.

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What's new

While some of our schemes are new for the 2014-20 Scottish Rural Development Programme, others have been updated from the last programme. Use the below table to check what schemes are new and what schemes have been updated.

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<td>Single Farm Payment</td>
<td>- payment can be made up of three elements: Basic Payment, Greening and Young Farmer</td>
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<td>- the total of Direct Payments over €150,000 is progressively reduced by five per cent</td>
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### Scottish Suckler Beef Support Scheme (Mainland and Islands)
Scottish Beef Scheme
- No significant changes other than variable rates for mainland and island herds.

### Scottish Upland Sheep Support Scheme
New scheme
N/A

### Agri-Environment Climate Scheme
Rural Priorities
- Application is online only
- Only one application window per year
- Change in payment rates
- Necessity to keep a diary to record actions taken to carry out management requirements
- Third party applicants can apply with agreement of all land owners

### Forestry Grant Scheme
Forestry Commission Challenge Fund
- No significant changes to available funding but now a stand-alone forestry scheme

### LFASS
- There has been some changes to eligibility, meaning more farmers may be able to access this support
- Degressivity will apply from 2015. This means payments for larger holdings above 4000 ha will be restricted
- "Grazing categories" have been renamed "land quality categories" but with no other changes
- The payment rates are a now maximum
- Forage crop codes eligible for LFASS have in some cases been re-labeled, but are effectively still the same

### Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme
Crofting Counties Agricultural Grant Scheme
TBC

### Small Farms Agricultural Grant Scheme
New scheme
N/A

### New Entrants Capital Grant
New scheme
N/A

### Young New Entrants Start-up Grant
New scheme
N/A

### Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund
Skills Development Scheme
- There are certain similarities to the old scheme, such as an emphasis around skills, but it now also has a strong focus on knowledge transfer and innovation. There are, therefore, some differences in:
  - Types of applications
  - Focus Areas
  - Eligibility
  - Rates of grant

### Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation
Main changes include:
- Types of applications
- Eligibility
- Rates of grant
- Approval procedures
- Strategic Food and Drink priorities

### LEADER
LEADER
TBC

### Broadband
New scheme
N/A