

# Introduction and updates

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**This guidance is effective from 1 January, 2025.**

This guidance provides details on the Greening elements of the Common Agricultural Policy and should be read in conjunction with the guidance for the Basic Payment Scheme and Cross Compliance.

- [Basic Payment Scheme](#)
- [Overview of Cross Compliance](#)

Please ensure that you read all the relevant elements of this updated guidance ( [including the annexes](#) ) if you are intending to apply under the Basic Payment Scheme.

## **Scheme and other changes for 2025**

- EFA – changes to the EFA Agroforestry option to include EFA small or farm woodlands
- Cross border businesses submitting a BPS / Greening claim for land in Scotland can only meet Greening requirements on land located and claimed in Scotland
- There are no longer Crop Diversification requirements as the two/three crop rules were removed from scheme year 2021 onward

## Recent changes

| Section          | Change                             |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Changes to EFAAF | To include small or farm woodlands |

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