

[Detailed guide: BPS 2018](#)

Updated: We've added updated guidance about land cover eligibility checks on common land.

Latest news

Commons eligibility checks

We've published updated [guidance](#) about land cover eligibility checks on common land.

Hot and dry weather conditions in England

We've published [guidance](#) for farmers experiencing difficulties meeting rural grant and payment scheme requirements due to the recent hot and dry weather conditions.

BPS applications are closed

You can no longer make a BPS application for 2018.

Rural Payments service

Some parts of the service are unavailable, so you cannot make changes which may affect your 2018 application. Read more about what you can do using the [Rural Payments service](#).

Countryside Stewardship

Apply for the Countryside Stewardship (CS) Arable Offer. Find out more about the Arable Offer on [GOV.UK](#).

Wet weather derogation announced

George Eustice, Minister of State, announced in May a relaxation (derogation) of the crop diversification rules following wet weather. Read more information about [the derogation](#).

Scheme rules and other guidance

- [Basic Payment Scheme: rules for 2018](#)
(PDF, 2.79MB, 127 pages)

find out how the scheme works

- [BPS Key dates 2018](#)

(PDF, 129KB, 1 page)

shows important dates in the BPS scheme year

Other guidance and forms:

- [BPS 2018 land use codes](#)

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[Greening workbook for 2018](#)

(PDF, 2.75MB, 11 pages)

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[Winter varieties of Brassica crops](#)

(PDF, 337KB, 3 pages)

for 'crop diversification'

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[Young and new farmer form](#)

(PDF, 226KB, 8 pages)

- [The guide to cross compliance in England 2018](#)

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[How to claim BPS online in 2018](#)

(PDF, 3.79MB, 61 pages)

gives information about applying using the Rural Payments service

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[How to claim BPS online in 2018 – checklist](#)

(PDF, 592KB, 3 pages)

use this checklist to remind you what you need to check, change and confirm, before you submit your application in the Rural Payments service

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[How to claim BPS online in 2018 – troubleshooting questions](#)

(PDF, 705KB, 6 pages)

gives an overview of the most common problems and where to find more information in the 'How to claim BPS online' guidance above

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[How to apply for BPS using a paper form in 2018](#)

(PDF, 1.32MB, 67 pages)

gives information about using the BP5 application form to apply

Continuation booklets (for paper applications):

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[BP5 continuation booklet – Part C: Field data sheet](#)

(PDF, 628KB, 12 pages)

- [BP5 continuation booklet – Part D: Greening: ecological focus areas \(EFA\)](#)
(PDF, 626KB, 8 pages)
- [BP5 continuation booklet – Part E: Common land grazing rights](#)
(PDF, 611KB, 8 pages)

Payment queries from previous years

If you have a query about a previous BPS payment that you've received, please fill in a [BPS payment query form](#) and send it to RPA. Then carry on with your 2018 application, declaring your land as it is on 15 May 2018.

Commons eligibility checks

Read everything you need to know about [land cover eligibility checks on common land](#).

Rural Payments service

You can use the [Rural Payments service](#) to:

- register for rural payments
- update your personal and business details
- give someone else (like an agent) permission to act on your behalf
- view your BPS 2018 application summary
- view your BPS entitlements
- view and print digital maps of your land parcels
- view your previous year's claim
- apply for Countryside Stewardship, including the Arable Offer.

At the moment you cannot:

- transfer entitlements
- transfer or remove land
- edit land use online
- add or delete commons rights
- apply for BPS

Forgotten your online password?

If you're logging in with a Customer Reference Number (CRN) and have forgotten your password, you can create a new one from the [sign-in page](#).

Click 'Having trouble signing in?' then 'create a new one'.

If you can't remember your CRN, call RPA on 03000 200 301.

How to use the Rural Payments service – help is available

Onscreen 'Help' in the service to guide you if you get stuck. Or you can read and print a copy of all the

[onscreen Help](#)

(PDF, 2.39MB, 52 pages)

Our [videos](#) also show you how to use the service.

Planned maintenance of the Rural Payments service

There are times when the Rural Payments service is unavailable because of essential planned maintenance and updates.

Check [Rural Payments: registering and updating your details](#) to keep up to date about availability of the Rural Payments service.

Contact RPA

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Helpline

03000 200 301