

NEW ELEMENTS TO NOTE IN YOUR BISS APPLICATION

New Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027)

National Rural Network

PREVIOUS BASIC PAYMENT SCHEME (BPS)

NEW BASIC INCOME SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY (BISS)

The Basic Income Support for Sustainability (BISS) is replacing the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) or structure for payment of entitlements. The BISS is designed to provide a direct income support to Irish farmers to underpin their continued sustainability and viability.

WITHIN BISS {Eco-Scheme, CRISS, CIS-YF}

The value of each entitlement will be reduced by 25% to fund the new Eco-Scheme with a further 10% deducted to fund a new concept called the Complementary Redistributive Income Support for Sustainability (CRISS). In addition to this 3% will be deducted to fund the Coupled Income Support for Young Farmers (CIS-YF).

The remaining 62% is subject to convergence at a rate of 85% following a 3% reduction to fund the National Reserve. Each year, farmers will select the annual schemes they want to participate in and select which actions they will carry out on their eligible hectares

3 KEY COMPONENTS WITHIN BISS

ECO-SCHEME

1

This scheme is a reward farmers for undertaking actions beneficial to the climate, environment, water quality and biodiversity, and will be implemented annually, with farmers having the opportunity to opt in or out on an annual basis.

Farmers must deliver at least two of the following agricultural practices:

- Space for Nature
- Extensive livestock production
- Limiting chemical nitrogen usage
- Planting of native trees/hedgerows
- Use of GPS controlled spreader and/or sprayer
- Soil sampling and appropriate liming
- Planting a break crop
- Sowing a multi-species sward.

COMPLEMENTARY REDISTRIBUTIVE INCOME SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY (CRISS)

2

(CRISS) is a new scheme that is often referred to as "front loading", and it is designed to redistribute CAP funds from larger farms to medium and smaller sized farms. It will pay on the first 30 hectares of an applicant's farmland at a rate of approximately €43 per hectare. Payments are not linked to the number of entitlements held by the applicant.

COUPLED INCOME SUPPORT FOR YOUNG FARMERS (CIS-YF)

3

CIS-YF is the new young farmer support scheme. Applicants must be head of the holding, solely or jointly, for the first time or has set up such a holding during the five years preceding their application for the CIS-YF Scheme. Payments are no longer based on Payment Entitlements, but on eligible hectares (max 50 hectares).

FARMERS UNDER 40

KEY TERMS

'CONVERGENCE'

The convergence mechanism aims to bring payment entitlement values towards a national average value.



All payment entitlements are changing in 2023. The number of entitlements stays the same, but the value of each individual entitlement is adjusted to 'converge' to the new national average. Statement of entitlements will be released in Q1 of 2023 for the new entitlement values for the entirety of the new CAP.

'CONDITIONALITY'

Conditionality sets the baseline requirements for farmers in receipt of CAP payments and replaces the "cross compliance" requirements in the previous CAP

'ACTIVE FARMER'

An 'Active Farmer' must be the person farming the land. The farming activities can include meeting a minimum stocking rate 0.10 livestock unit per hectare (lu per ha), producing crops, cutting hay/silage, maintaining landscape features etc.

'SPACE FOR NATURE'

This Eco-Scheme measure concerns the area of landscape features e.g., hedgerows, stone wall maintenance, drains and those classified as beneficial features delivering an environmental gain e.g., scrub, woodland, trees.



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