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1-Day Free Information Session &
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with DAFM, OGI, Teagasc, ACA &
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Thursday February 29th
10.00am - 4.00pm
County Arms Hotel,
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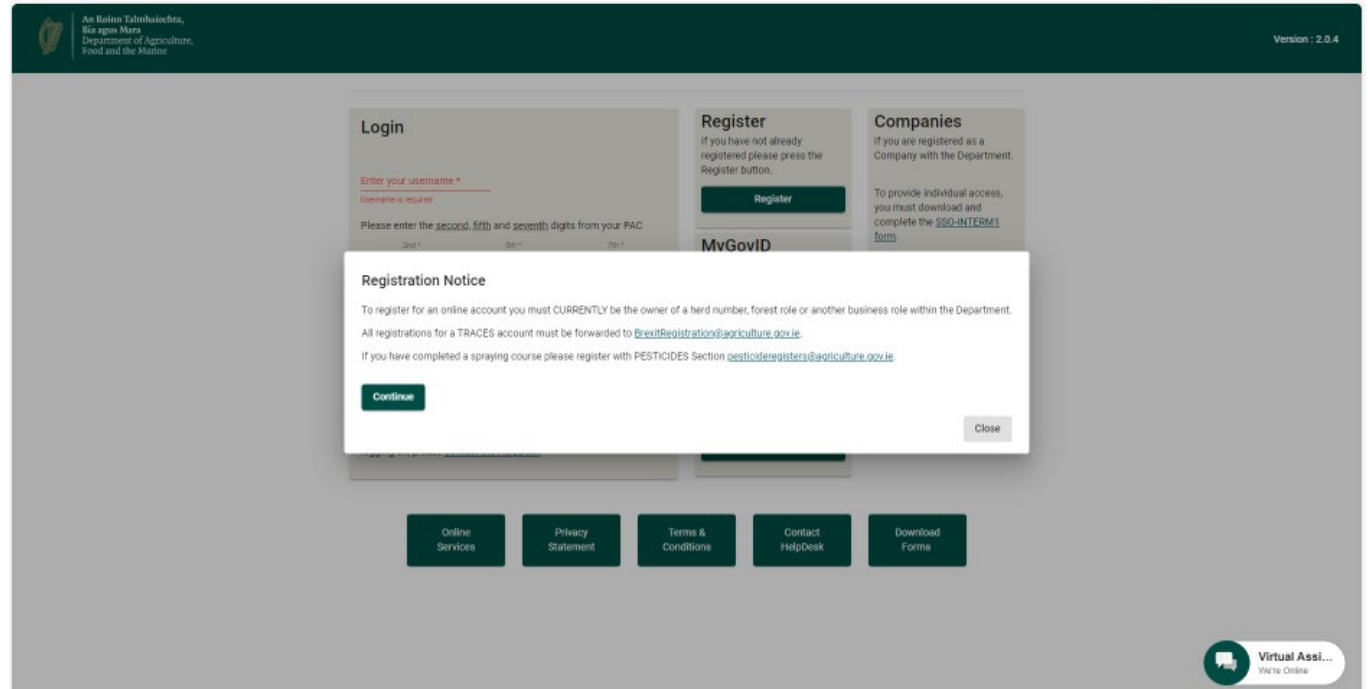
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BISS & Area Based Schemes Online Application

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February 2024

Accessing DAFM Online Services

- Register on www.agfood.ie
- Must have a herd number to apply for BISS.
- Queries to agfood@agriculture.gov.ie



Farmer Dashboard

- View Provisional Status for GAEC 8, Eco Space for Nature and Stocking Density (28-week retention now added)
- Correspondence
- News Reel
- Entitlements position
- **Start 2024BISS Application**

The screenshot displays the Farmer Dashboard with the following sections:

- Welcome back,**
- Application for BISS 2024**
 - Submit your application for BISS and related area-based schemes here.
 - Start application** (button, highlighted with a red circle)
- Provisional Status**
 - GAEC 8** (Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition): Attained **18.29 %**. Your current allocation min. required 4.00 %.
 - Eco Space for Nature**: Attained **18.29 %**. Your current allocation min. required 7.00 %.
 - Stocking Density**: Attained **2.306 LU/ha**. Your current stocking rate (2023) min. required rate 0.10 LU / ha. Also shows: Attained **28 weeks retention 2.565 LU / ha**.
- Correspondence** (with [View](#) link)
- Quick Links**
 - Previous Direct Payments** (BPS/Greening/SPS) with [Open application](#) link.
- News**
 - Text about herd number changes and the closing date for 2024 applications (**15 May 2024**).
 - Text about the online facility for making a Transfer of Entitlements application.
 - [Read More](#) link.
- Entitlements Position** (with [View entitlements](#) button)

Starting a BISS application & the BISS application stepper

My Application

Farmer Name

Herd Number

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Active Farmer Status

Scheme Selection

Land Details


GAEC 7

GAEC 8

Eco-Scheme

Review & Submit


Active Farmer Status



Active Farmer
May be subject to administrative checks


Active Farmer

Active Farmer Status



Active Farmer
May be subject to administrative checks

Active Farmer Status




Not Active!

The farming practice I intend to undertake is:

☒ Grassland

☐ Tillage

Active Farmer Status



Not Active!

Grassland

You are currently Not Active, please select an option (as appropriate):

☐ Making Hay/Silage/Haylage

☐ Topping

☐ Other Grazing livestock e.g. Equines

☐ Plan to purchase livestock in 2024 (payment may be delayed)


☐ Landscape Feature Maintenance

☐ Forestry Eligible

☐ Other

☐ I declare as not active

Active Farmer Status



Not Active!

Tillage

You are currently Not Active, please select an option (as appropriate):

☐ Share Farming

☐ Receipts for seeds, fertiliser, pesticides etc.

☐ Landscape Feature Maintenance

☐ Other

☐ I declare as not active

Not Active

 I confirm that I am not actively farming the land declared and therefore I am not eligible to apply for aid under any scheme

- Cannot apply for any Schemes
- No payments can issue
- On screen warning throughout the application

Scheme Selection

View all schemes selected using toggle button to opt in/out

Schemes highlighted in green background are applied for.

Schemes highlighted in white background are applied for.
9 schemes in total.

View details of each scheme
Brief T&C for each scheme.

BISS

Basic Income Support for Sustainability

Scheme Selection

Please select the schemes you wish to apply for

BISS

✓

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View details

Basic Income Support for Sustainability

CRIS

✓

i

View details

Complementary Redistributive Income Support for Sustainability

ANC

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View details

Areas of Natural Constraints (ANC) Scheme
and Areas of Specific (Island Farming) Scheme (ASC)

Eco

✓

i

View details

Eco-Scheme

Organics

✓

i

View details

Organic Farming Scheme

SIM

i

View details

Straw Incorporation Measure Scheme

Protein Aid Scheme

i

View details

Protein Aid Scheme

CISYF

i

View details

Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers

ACRES

✓

i

View details

Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme

AMS

Popup triggered on navigation from Scheme Selection to Land Details.

Must read and click I understand

Area Monitoring System 2024



All area based schemes are subject to the Area Monitoring System (AMS) from 2024.

Applicants will be notified of any potential non compliances with scheme eligibility conditions for the land parcels declared. Where any such potential non compliances are found, a notification will issue on the BISS online system.

I understand

Land Details

✓

Active Farmer Status

✓

Scheme Selection

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Land Details

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Islands

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Review & Submit

Land Details

Complete the land details for each parcel/plot if indicated below

+ Add parcel

+ Add plot

Quick Filter

View All

	Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Ref Area Ha	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Ownership Status	Parcel Use	ANC	Actions
✓	Annagh Island	H1530200001*	7.92	7.92	7.92	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100006	0.86	0.86	0.86	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100029	1.36	1.36	1.36	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100030	0.41	0.41	0.41	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100037	1.51	1.51	1.51	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100046*	0.00	0.00	0.00	Owned	Building	✓	<div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100052	3.25	3.36	3.36	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100109	3.57	3.63	3.63	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100126*	9.45	9.85	9.85	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
✓	Athea Upper	M2290100159*	13.33	13.50	13.50	Owned	Permanent Pasture	✓	<div></div> <div></div> <div></div>

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Land Details contd.

Quick Filters

✓

Active Farmer Status

✓

Scheme Selection

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Land Details

Quick Filter

View All

Action Required

Subdivision

Commonage

Organic

Land Details

Complete the land details for each parcel/plot if indicated below































+ Add parcel

+ Add plot

Quick Filter





View All

Commonage

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Commonage Fraction	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Ownership Status	Parcel Use	Agricultural Activity	ANC	Actions
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600003	1.51	1.48	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600023	3.93	3.88	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600024	1.29	1.29	Owned	Alfalfa		✓	  
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600034	0.44	0.44	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600035	2.32	2.32	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600036	6.38	6.37	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Cahermeeleboe	D1020600055	8.30	8.12	Owned	Alfalfa		✓	  
✓	Urhin	D1021700017	2.47	2.27	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Urhin	D1021700052	0.58	0.57	Owned	Permanent Pasture		✓	  
✓	Urhin	D1021700053	0.00	0.00	Owned	Farmyard		✓	  

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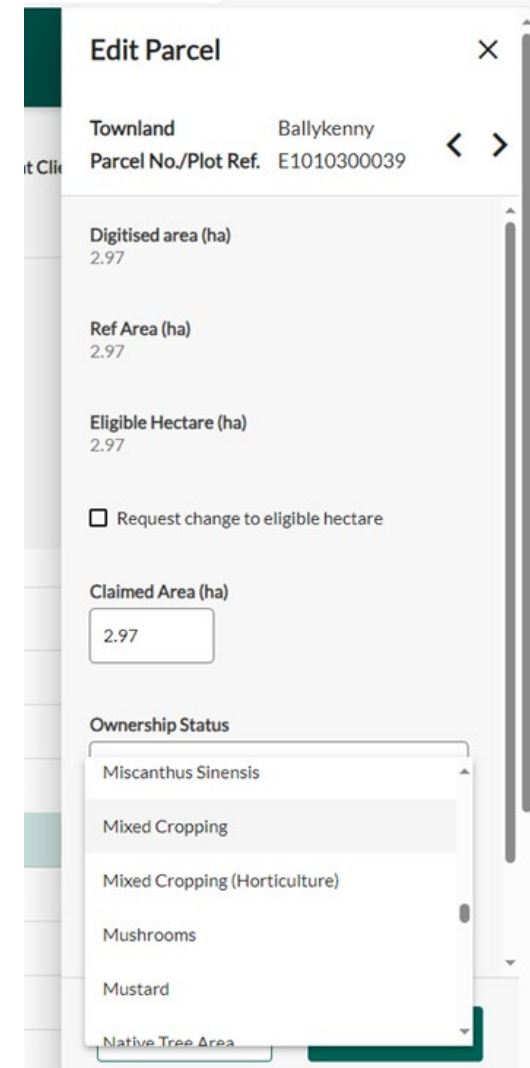
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Land Details Side Drawer

To edit parcel details the side drawer on land details allows updates to the parcel which include:

- claimed area
- ownership status
- parcel use – see across option to select Mixed Cropping – Horticulture.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for editing a parcel. The title bar at the top says 'Edit Parcel' with a close button (X) on the right. Below the title bar, there are two rows of information: 'Townland' with the value 'Ballykenny' and 'Parcel No./Plot Ref.' with the value 'E1010300039'. To the right of these values are left and right arrow buttons. Below this, there are three rows of area measurements, each with a label and a value: 'Digitised area (ha)' with '2.97', 'Ref Area (ha)' with '2.97', and 'Eligible Hectare (ha)' with '2.97'. Below these is a checkbox labeled 'Request change to eligible hectare'. Then, there is a section for 'Claimed Area (ha)' with a text input field containing '2.97'. Finally, there is a section for 'Ownership Status' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options: 'Miscanthus Sinensis', 'Mixed Cropping' (which is highlighted), 'Mixed Cropping (Horticulture)', 'Mushrooms', 'Mustard', and 'Native Tree Area'.

Edit Parcel

Townland Ballykenny

Parcel No./Plot Ref. E1010300039

Digitised area (ha)
2.97

Ref Area (ha)
2.97

Eligible Hectare (ha)
2.97

☐ Request change to eligible hectare

Claimed Area (ha)
2.97

Ownership Status

- Miscanthus Sinensis
- Mixed Cropping
- Mixed Cropping (Horticulture)
- Mushrooms
- Mustard
- Native Tree Area

Agricultural Activity



BISS
Basic Income Support for Sustainability

Home
My Clients
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NR-COYF
Correspondence

Land Details
Complete the land details for each parcel/plot if indicated below

+ Add parcel + Add plot

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Commonage Fraction	Parcel Use	Agricultural
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800015		Permanent Pasture	
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800016		Permanent Pasture	
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800017		Permanent Pasture	
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800018		Permanent Pasture	
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800027		Permanent Pasture	
! Carrahane Lower	H1380800030	3/5	Cutting Hay	
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800031	3/5	Permanent Pasture	
✓ Carrahane Lower	H1380800032	3/5	Permanent Pasture	
✓ Carrahane Upper	H1380900008		Permanent Pasture	

Agricultural activity

- Grazing Livestock
- Grazing Livestock & Cutting Hay/Silage/Hayla...
- Cutting Hay/Silage/Haylage
- Other (e.g. Maintenance Activities)
- No Agricultural Activity

Edit Parcel

Townland Carrahane Lower < >
Parcel No./Plot Ref. H1380800030

Eligible Hectare (ha) 2.68
☐ Request change to eligible hectare

Claimed Area (ha) 1.10

Ownership Status Owned

Parcel use

Agricultural activity

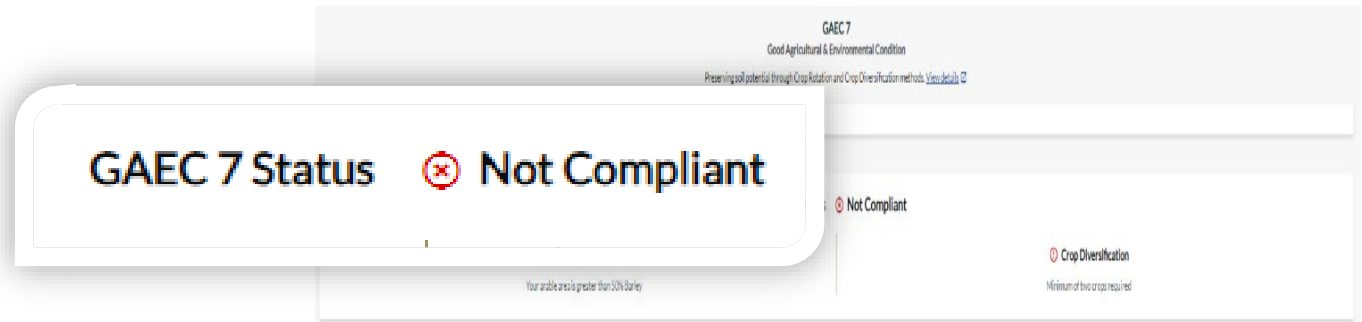
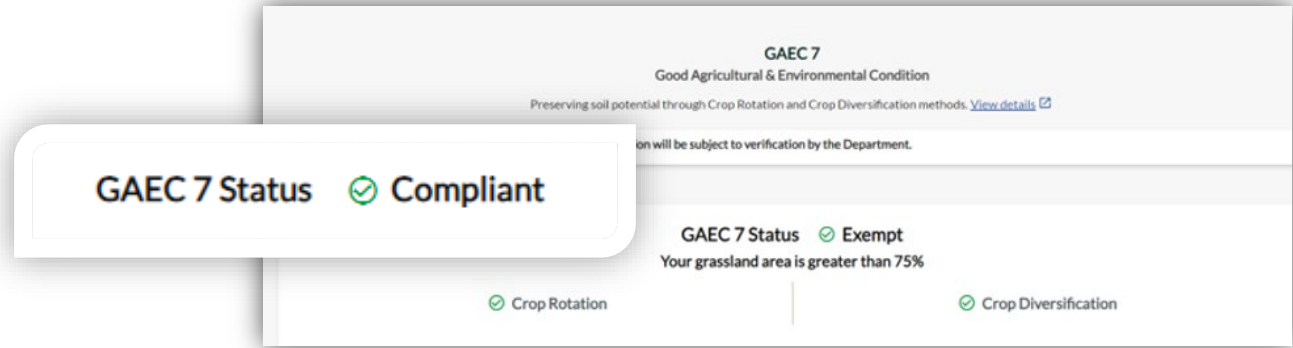
- Grazing Livestock
- Grazing Livestock & Cutting Hay/Silage/Ha...
- Cutting Hay/Silage/Haylage
- Other Maintenance Activities
- No Agricultural Activity

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GAEC 7

- New for 2024 – all herds will see the screen
- Depending on holding herd can be
 - Exempt
 - Compliant
 - Not Compliant



GAEC 7 contd.

Crop Rotation

GAEC 7 Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition

Preserving soil potential through Crop Rotation and Crop Diversification methods. [View details](#)

Please review all your GAEC 7 commitments. Your declaration will be subject to verification by the Department.

GAEC 7 Status ✔ Compliant

✔ Crop Rotation
Compliant

✔ Crop Diversification
Compliant

✔ Crop rotation and catch crops

Catch crops must be sown by the 15 September annually and must remain in place until at least the 1 December annually. Please select the Catch Crop below.

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Ref Area Ha	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Parcel Use 2023	Parcel Use 2024	Catch crop	Actions
Rathmore West	I1771900024	13.89	13.89	13.89	Wheat - Winter	Wheat - Winter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rathmore West	I1771900025	5.40	5.40	5.37		Barley - Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Parcel Use 2023	Parcel Use 2024
Wheat - Winter	Wheat - Winter
	Barley - Spring

GAEC 7 contd.

Crop Rotation - Catch Crops

GAEC 7

Good Agricultural & Environmental Condition

Preserving soil potential through Crop Rotation and Crop Diversification methods. [View details](#)

Please review all your GAEC 7 commitments. Your declaration will be subject to verification by the Department.

GAEC 7 Status

Not Compliant

Crop Rotation

Your arable area is greater than 50% Barley

Crop Diversification

Minimum of two crops required

Crop rotation and catch crops

Catch crops must be sown by the 15 September annually and must remain in place until at least the 1 December annually. Please select the Catch Crop below.

Twinned	Parcel No./Plot Ref	Ref Area Ha	Eligible Ha	Claimed Area	Parcel Use 2023	Parcel Use 2024	Catch crop
2nd	KJ485400010	14.17	14.17	14.17	Permanent Pasture	Barley - Winter	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Crop Diversification

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Crop Diversification

The crop diversification panel will display the total agricultural area, the total grassland area, and the total tillage area on your holding.

A breakdown of the arable crops of the holding and the percentage of these crops relate to the total arable area declared on your application.

Crop Diversification		
	Total eligible (Ha)	Total Agricultural Area (%)
Total Agricultural Area	91.10	100.00%
Total Grassland Area	25.23	27.69%
Total Tillage Area	65.87	72.31%

Barley - Spring	40.00	60.73%
Wheat - Spring	24.33	36.94%
Oats - Winter	1.54	2.34%

GAEC 8

- Shows indicative estimates
- Updates when BISS Application is submitted
- Shows herd status as Eligible or Ineligible

Active Farmer Status Scheme Selection Land Details **GAEC 8** Eco-Scheme Review & Submit

GAEC8
(Good Agricultural Environmental Conditions 8)

Current Eligibility

Conditionality (Requirement 4.00%) Eligible

Current GAEC 8 contribution

30.01%

24.56 ha
Total Obligation Area

7.37 ha
Total GAEC 8 Area

Parcel No.	Townland	Parcel Use	GAEC 8 Contribution	Obligation Area	GAEC 8 Area	Show on map
S1781600033	Shinrone	Permanent Pasture	Feature	4.53	0.88	View map
V1170700016	Cappakilleen	Permanent Pasture	Feature	10.25	3.72	View map
V1171400031	Islandwood	Permanent Pasture	Feature	9.78	2.77	View map

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Current Eligibility

Conditionality (Requirement 4.00%) Eligible

Current Eligibility

Conditionality (Requirement 4.00%) Not Eligible

Eco

My Application

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✓

✓

✓

✓

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Active Farmer Status

Scheme Selection

Land Details

GAEC 7

GAEC 8

Eco-Scheme

ACRES

Review & Submit

Eco-Scheme

*Enhanced options of A

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2 Agricultural Practices (AP) must be selected in order to proceed.
Please note: Applicants will have to meet obligations on all Eligible Hectare areas, including lands not yet digitised.

2

2 Agricultural Practices (AP) must be selected in order to proceed.
Please note: Applicants will have to meet obligations on all Eligible Hectare areas, including lands not yet digitised.

Options Available

☐ AP1 - Space for Nature *

☐ AP2 - Extensive Livestock Production *

☐ AP3 - Limiting Chemical Nitrogen Usage

☐ AP4 - Planting of Native Trees and/or Hedgerows *

☐ AP5 - Use of a GPS Controlled Fertiliser Spreader/Sprayer

☐ AP6 - Soil Sampling and Appropriate Liming

☐ AP7 - Planting of a Break Crop

☐ AP8 - Sowing a Multi-Species Sward

All selected practices will be subject to validation checks by the Department.

0 Selected

Eco-Scheme opt out ☐

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ACRES

✓

Active Farmer Status

✓

Scheme Selection

✓

Land Details

✓

Island

✓

GAEC 8

✓

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Review & Submit

ACRES

Your ACRES payment will be based on the information submitted under each of the actions below.

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Please review all your ACRES actions

✓

Area Actions

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✓

Linear Actions

▼

✓

Numerical Actions

▼

✓

Whole Farm Action

▼

✓

Commonage Actions

▼

✓

Rotational Actions

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ACRES Rescore

Any herds from ACRES Tranche 1 will see the ACRES Rescore question on their 2024 BISS Application, as shown in the image below. All Tranche 1 herds must select an answer, Yes or No, to the rescore question or they will not be able to proceed with their application.

The screenshot displays a progress bar at the top with eight steps: Active Farmer Status, Scheme Selection, Land Details, GAEC 7, GAEC 8, Eco-Scheme, ACRES (highlighted with a green circle and number 7), and Review & Submit (highlighted with a grey circle and number 8). Below the progress bar, the text reads: "Your ACRES payment will be based on the information submitted under each of the actions below". The main question is "Rescore all parcels in ACRES this year ?" with two radio button options: "Yes, rescore" and "No, don't rescore". Below the options, it states "ACRES scorecards must be submitted by the 31st of August".

Active Farmer Status Scheme Selection Land Details GAEC 7 GAEC 8 Eco-Scheme **ACRES** Review & Submit

Your ACRES payment will be based on the information submitted under each of the actions below

Rescore all parcels in ACRES this year ?

☐ Yes, rescore

☐ No, don't rescore

ACRES scorecards must be submitted by the 31st of August

SIM

✓

Active Farmer Status

✓

Scheme Selection

✓

Land Details

✓

GAEC 8

✓

Eco

✓

ACRES

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Review & Submit

Straw Incorporation Measure (SIM) Scheme

Please select each parcel you wish to include in the SIM Scheme

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To qualify for this scheme you need to select a minimum requirement of 5 ha up to a max payable area of 40 ha

Townland	Parcel No./Plot Ref.	Parcel Use	Eligible Hectare (EH)	Claimed Area (ha)	Select For SIM
Pollagh	G31221161	Barley - Winter	8.49	6.79	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Select</div>
Total claimed area for SIM				0.00	


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Select For SIM

✓

Select

 To apply for SIM, you must declare a minimum of 5 ha of compatible crops. Go back to [Land Details](#) to change your crops or go to [Scheme Selection](#) to opt-out.

Review and Submit

My BISS Application

Farmer Name

Herd Number

✓

Active Farmer Status

✓

Scheme Selection

✓

Land Details

✓

Island

✓

GAEC 8

✓

Eco

✓

ACRES

✓

SIM

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Review & Submit

Review & Submit

Carefully review all sections below

✓

Scheme Selection

▼

✓

Applicant Details

▼

✓

ANC Parcels

▼

✓

Areas and Entitlements

▼

✓

Plots

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✓

Upload Documentation

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✓

Add Application Notes


▼

✓

I have read and accept the [BISS Terms & Conditions.](#)

Review and Submit contd.

A Confirmation will show informing you that your application has been successfully submitted. Maps and supporting documentation can be uploaded here.




Thank you.


You have successfully submitted a BISS 2024 application!

Any map edits or supporting documentation for this application will be available in the [Correspondence](#) section.

If you have further maps or supporting documentation, you can add them here.

 Upload Documentation

Download, view or print your BISS Application Summary

 Application Summary

Key Dates 2024

- 15th May 2024 – Closing date for BISS and area related schemes
- 31st May 2024 - Late amendments (no penalty)
- 9th June 2024 – Late application deadline (with penalty)
- For queries please contact BISSOnline@agriculture.gov.ie