

Rural Economy
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Rural Support Scheme 2025 Application

The application process for rural support in 2025 requires the completion and return of the following:

1. Completion of the RSS Declaration and Consent Form. Sign on page 5 of this document and return a copy of pages 3-6 to Rural Economy.
2. Agricultural Census - this includes a Land Declaration for 2024 which will be used to determine your credit awards for 2025.
3. Evidence (copy of certificates, invoices if applicable) for all accreditation standards;
4. A Financial Return (or copy of accounts or a tax return) for 2024 to be completed by a qualified accountant by 15th September 2025.

Please note that RSS payments will be actioned once the department has received items 1, 2 and 3. In addition, once we have received your application and agreed the credits awarded under the RSS for 2025, we will be able confirm the total budget available to your business for the RIS project grant for the year. You will be notified of your RIS Project CAP for 2025 in due course.

The 2025 RSS will be open for applications from 1st January to 15th September 2025 – applications may be made at any time within this period, but may not be accepted if made after the closing date.

Please remit the signed RSS declaration and consent and your Agricultural Return via email to: ruraleconomy@gov.je (Electronic submissions preferred - a hard-copy through the post is not necessary).

The following accreditation evidence is required regarding the specific business types to ensure that you receive the relevant tiered payments.

RSS Tier 1

In 2025 reward credits are available for accreditation under the following schemes:

Business Type	Certificate Required
Arable, Dairy and Livestock	Red Tractor Standard (Dairy, Fresh Produce or Beef or Lamb Standard)
Egg Production	Safe and Local Supplier Approval (SALSA)
Equine (Livery)	British Horse Society membership (BHS)
Goats	Kiwa Agri Food

Plus in 2025, credits awarded to any business with Global GAP, BRC Global, LEAF Marque membership, LEAF Sustainable Farming Review, LEAF certification, LEAF demonstration farm accreditation and/or Organic membership, 'In Conversion' status or certification.

RSS Tier 2

For 2025, reward credits provided for LIVESTOCK (per head) and PRIMARY land use (per vergee) for any land parcel for the year. Please note there can only be one PRIMARY land use per field for each year - if land is used by more than one business during the calendar year the primary land user will be officially designated under published criteria and these credits are not transferable.

Please update the land use spreadsheet indicating the primary crop and land use category for 2024. Include all land used in 2024. Please indicate if at 31/12/24 you are no longer the primary land user for any land you may have used during the year. When land changes tenancy during the calendar year the default primary land user will be the occupier of the land as at 01/01/24.

RSS Tier 3

For 2025, reward credits under Tier 3 are provided for: Social initiatives. Staff Training Skills and a Land Use Bonus, which promotes environmentally sensitive management and local food production. Tier 3 credits for 'land use' may be awarded for primary and secondary land uses and are in addition to the primary land use award for each field - see guidance notes.

Please refer to the guidance notes for reward credits for Tier 2 and Tier 3 items.

Rural Support Scheme

Sign, scan and return to Rural Economy via email: ruraleconomy@gov.je

RSS Declaration and Consent

Important Information

Before signing this form please read the declaration notes and consent information carefully. The notes set out your agreement and understanding of the conditions required under the RSS. The consent information explains how your information will be used and provides a brief description of your rights under the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018. For further information on how the Government of Jersey handles personal data please visit www.gov.je/privacy

Declaration Notes re Rural Support Scheme

This confirms on behalf of the business that I:

- 1) Agree to provide 2024 signed accounts if grants or subsidies received from the Government of Jersey exceed £75,000.
Agree to provide a Financial Declaration Form if grants or subsidies received from the Government of Jersey are less than £74,999.
- 2) Understand that this information may be used in whole or part for the purpose of producing aggregated information that may be used or subsequently published by the Government of Jersey..
- 3) Agree to provide signed audited accounts or a Financial Declaration Form for the payment received in 2025 should I not claim RSS in 2026.
- 4) Agree to include the receipt of all government grants as income in the annual accounts of the business it was intended to support.
- 5) Understand and accept that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) may audit any Government funded individual or organisation where the grant received is greater than £5,000.
- 6) Understand and accept that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) may audit any Government funded individual or organisation where the grant is less than £5,000 but represents at least 50% of the total amount/income received during that year.
- 7) Agree to Officers from the relevant departments accessing information held about my business by assurance providers including but not limited to LEAF, Red Tractor, Acoura, NSF, SAI Global, SALSA, KIWA, BHS, BRC Global.
- 8) Understand I may also be required to demonstrate that I have robust corporate governance arrangements in place that ensure the future viability of my business.
- 9) Understand that failure to submit all documents in accordance with the deadlines given will result in my application not being processed.
- 10) Understand that, if in receipt of an agricultural loan in arrears, any payments due to me may be withheld to offset arrears.

- 11) Agree to provide for inspection by Officers from relevant departments (within 24 hour notice) my implemented Water Pollution Contingency Plan, Soil Protection Plan, Pesticide Application Records, Crop Nutrient Management Plan, Waste Management Plan and Disposal Record, Farm Manure and Organic Waste Management Plan:
 - a) Waste Management Plan and Disposal Record: a current Waste Disposal Record showing the date, amount and disposal route of all wastes emanating from the farm. An undertaking to dispose of all farm waste materials in an approved way within the current year, pay any relevant disposal charge and keep appropriate records. Should I take on a tenancy of new land where waste has been left by a previous tenant then I will report this to you, to avoid my own liability for its disposal.
 - b) Farm Manure and Organic Waste Management Plan: if I keep livestock, import organic manures, sewage sludge or compost, or allow others to apply these to the land on which I claim then I need to have a current plan in place. This includes an assessment of storage capacity and available spreading land, a risk assessment of the fields to be applied to and of the pre-application field and weather conditions, as well as records of the date and amount of any applications of slurry, manure, compost, sewage/sludge (pellets) applied in fields claimed for. To have evidence of using suitably qualified advice prior to application of fertilisers.
 - c) Pesticide Application Records: keep records of the date and amount of any application of pesticides applied in fields claimed for. To have evidence of using suitably qualified advice prior to application of pesticides.
 - d) Water Pollution Contingency Plan: this is for the farm premises and will include the following elements;
 - i. a map of watercourses on the farm and drainage systems
 - ii. fuel and oil facilities
 - iii. fertilizer usage and storage areas
 - iv. pesticide usage and storage areas
 - v. details of management procedures and equipment in place to minimize the risk of pollution
- 12) Understand and will abide by the conditions set out in all sections of this RSS document.
- 13) Understand that the submission of false or misleading information will lead to penalties being imposed against me and may require full/or part repayment of any RSS payment, and that suspected fraudulent activity will be reported to the police.
- 14) To abide by all relevant current Jersey legislation (including but not limited to the list of laws attached)
- 15) That a Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy must be implemented (see notes below re safeguarding)
- 16) To comply with Codes of Good Agricultural and Environmental Practice (GAEP)
 - a) GAEP for the Welfare of livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry, and horses) are guidelines which set minimum standards for environment, public health, animal and plant health, and animal welfare. Contravention of GAEP or the Welfare Codes will result in your RSS being reduced. Copies of the Pesticide, Water and Animal Welfare Codes are available from Howard Davis Farm or on www.gov.je
 - b) Please also refer to the DEFRA publication 'Protecting our Water, Soil and Air: A Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers' (CoGAP), available at www.gov.uk
- 17) To provide a list of fields occupied during the last calendar year with all crops grown for each field, together with a list of fields and crops intended for the current year, when I submit my RSS application as part of my Agricultural Return.
- 18) I declare that the Applicant Business is a going concern and is not in immediate danger of insolvency, winding up or ceasing to trade on a permanent basis,
- 19) I declare the Applicant Enterprise has filed all necessary tax and social security returns and paid all relevant taxes and social security contributions due to the Government up to date (allowing for deferrals where permitted by arrangement with Revenue Jersey);

Safeguarding

I hereby acknowledge that vulnerable people have a right to be safe and that adults have a responsibility to protect them. I hereby acknowledge and confirm that where our business has children and or vulnerable adults working on, living on (whether or not directly employed) or visiting our business premises (land and buildings), I have a direct responsibility in respect to the safeguarding of those individuals and I will take appropriate actions to ensure those responsibilities are met.

I hereby acknowledge that where my organisation has any involvement with children and or vulnerable adults that I will implement appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures. I will ensure that my staff are appropriately vetted and trained in respect to safeguarding and that designated safeguarding lead(s) will be appointed.

Guidance on safeguarding (including procedures and the reporting of concerns) can be found by visiting www.safeguarding.je or by contacting the Safeguarding Partnership Board.

Consent Information

I confirm and agree:

That this declaration is made with my authority. I am aware that it's an offence to submit false or misleading information on a declaration.

That the information supplied in this form, together with any other accompanying information, is to be used for the purpose(s) of processing this grant application in accordance with the Rural Support Scheme (RSS) and ongoing administration of the Rural Economic Framework.

That the information collected by Economy may be shared with other relevant Government of Jersey Departments.

That Economy Officers may contact LEAF to discuss the details of my LEAF accreditation process.

My personal information will not be processed further unless permitted under a condition of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018, or to comply with a legal requirement.

I understand that under Jersey's Data Protection Law I have the right to withdraw my consent to the further processing of my information. However, I understand that this may affect my grant payment as well as be in breach of other laws. (Should you wish to exercise this right please contact us at ruraleconomy@gov.je).

Signed on behalf of

Signed
Full Name
Date

Relevant Laws re RSS

Agricultural (Loans) (Jersey) Regulations 1974
Agricultural (Loans and Guarantees) (Jersey) Law 1974
Agricultural Returns (Jersey) Law 1947
Animal Health (Jersey) Law 2016 and subordinate legislation
Animal Health (Foot and Mouth Disease) (Jersey) Order 2017
Animal Health (Surveillance) (Jersey) Order 2017
Animal Health (Waste Food) (Jersey) Order 2018
Animal Health (Animal By-Products) (Jersey) Order 2018
European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Cattle Identification) (Jersey) Regulations 2002
Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004
Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals (Bovine Semen) (Jersey) Order 2008
Blight Disease (Jersey) Order 1982
Certificates of Origin (Produce of the Soil) (Jersey) Law 1961
Community Provisions (Bovine Embryos) (Jersey) Regulations 2010
Conservation of Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2000
European Union legislation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 2014
Diseases of Animals(Pigs,Goats and Sheep Registration, Identification and Movement)(Jersey) Order 2007
Drainage (Jersey) Law 2005
EU Legislation (Milk and Dairies) (Jersey) Order 2017
Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018
European Communities Legislation (Bluetongue) (Jersey) Regulations 2008
Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002
Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 1997
Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995
Community Provisions (Welfare of Animals During Transport) (Jersey) Regulations 2013
Food Safety (Jersey) Law 1966 Milk and Dairies (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order.1992
Pesticides (Jersey) Law 1991
EU Legislation (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) (Jersey) Regulations 2015
Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Food) (Jersey) Order 1991
Pesticides (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1991
Plant Health (Jersey) Law 2003 (Appointed Day) Act 2005
Plant Health (Jersey) Order 2005
Protection of Agricultural Land (Jersey) Law 1964
Slaughter of Animals (Jersey) Law 1962
Stem and Bulb Eelworm (Jersey) Order 1971
Veterinary Surgeons (Jersey) Law 1999
Waste Management (Jersey) Law 2005
Water Pollution (Jersey) Law, 2000 (inc. Water Code (Jersey) 2009)
Weeds (Jersey) Law 1961
Water Resources (Jersey) Law 2007
Weights Measures (Jersey) Law 1967