

UTASS Briefing: 25th April 2014

SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME 2014.

The deadline for receipt of claims for this year is the **15th May 2014**. The RPA is strongly advising that all claims should be done online as they are not providing a “drop in” facility for hand delivered claims this year. There have also been intermittent problems with accessing their “online” service. Members are strongly advised not to leave claims until the last minute.

CAP REFORM.

Defra have confirmed today that the payment for the Moorland Region under the Basic Payment Scheme which will replace SPS next year has been *doubled* to 70 euros per hectare. This will result in a reduction in the combines SDA and Lowland payment from 247 to 243 euros per hectare.

HLS DEROGATIONS.

Many agreement holders have experienced difficulties with spreading muck due to the continuous wet weather and lack of frost this winter. Natural England are not able to offer a blanket derogation this year but are prepared to consider derogations to permit essential field operations on an individual agreement basis. Please contact Adrian Vass of Natural England on 07795127943

TRAINING

The following courses are arranged or may be available depending on funding/interest:

- Level 2 Emergency First Aid at UTASS Friday 23rd May 9.30- 4.30pm: £17.50.
- Br Wool Marketing Board 2 day shearing course Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th June with 50% funding from the Heart of Teesdale Project costs £90 + VAT.
- Young people driving training including 13-16 tractor driving, pre-test tractor driving training, car driving lessons, theory test application fee and trailer towing.
- Certificate of competence for the transport of livestock by road approximate cost £75 per species.
- Level 2 award in the safe use of sheep dips (dipping certificate) including training, and online theory and practical assessments.

To book a place or express interest please contact Julia at UTASS.

For further advice and assistance contact UTASS 01833 641010.
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