

## Full Scheme guidance pages

| Web page  | Summary of main changes  | Date Published |
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| <a href="#">Home page</a>   | Information added on AECS 2025 round.<br>Notification of results for 2024 round and removal of outdated content related to previous rounds.<br>Information about Fair Work First added.  |                |
| <a href="#">Introduction</a>  | Updated 2024 to 2025.  |                |
| <a href="#">Eligibility</a>   | Updated AECS Application Eligibility questions document.   |                |
| <a href="#">Improving Public Access</a>                             | IPA not opening in 2025.   |                |
| <a href="#">How to apply</a>  | Opening and closing dates for 2025 application round.<br>Updates on options/capital items are available/not available in 2025 round.<br>Slurry Storage removed.  |                |
| <a href="#">Checklist of requirements for applications</a>          | Heather cutting requires a map.<br>Slurry Storage removed.   |                |
| <a href="#">Essential Information for Applications</a>              | Information about Fair Work First added.<br>Updated /revised information across whole page for the 2025 round.   |                |
| <a href="#">Further requirements for applicants</a>                 | Consents and licenses – legislative changes related to predator control and the snaring ban.<br>Information about Fair Work First added to the Quotes section.   |                |
| <a href="#">Designations: natural heritage, landscape, historic</a> | Information added about Flow Country World Heritage Site (WHS).<br>Updated document about Management of Scheduled Monuments.   |                |
| <a href="#">Farm Environment Assessment</a>                         | Removal of IPA and Slurry Storage. Updated habitat categories in the FEA to align with the Whole Farm Plan Biodiversity Audit habitat mapping requirements.<br>Updated versions of Farm Environment Table, Example Farm Environment Table and Farm Environment Map |                |
| <a href="#">Mapping</a>   | Whole Farm Plan Biodiversity Audit information added in relation to Farm Environment Map.  |                |
| <a href="#">Endorsements</a>  | Information added about Flow Country World Heritage Site (WHS).  |                |
| <a href="#">Scoring criteria</a>                                    | Included reference to World Heritage Sites.  |                |

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|   | Organic Scoring – clarity over % in criteria referring to the application being assessed, not the holding in Scale of Delivery<br>Additional Wader Survey points – wording to advise that CIEEM membership is not a prerequisite for ecologists undertaking surveys. |  |
| <a href="#">Supporting guidance for vulnerable priority species</a> | The Stubbles Followed by Green Manure option was added to qualifying options list for Twite.   |  |
| <a href="#">Funding under this scheme</a>                           | Updated 2024 to 2025.  |  |
| Fair Work First   | New page added to homepage.  |  |
| <a href="#">Management options and capital items</a>                | Removal of restrictions on Creation of Hedgerows.  |  |
| <a href="#">Capital items</a>                                       | Removal of restrictions on Pond Creation and Restoration, and Planting or Replanting of Hedges.  |  |

**Management options and capital items guidance pages(plus supporting guidance pages)**

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| <a href="#">Water-use Efficiency – Irrigation Lagoon</a> | Updates across page for 2025 round.   |                       |
| <a href="#">Predator Control</a>                         | Revision to take account of new legislative requirements re trapping and removal of reference to snaring. |                       |
| <a href="#">Supporting guidance for Predator Control</a> | Revision to take account of new legislative requirements re trapping and removal of reference to snaring. |                       |
| <a href="#">Organic Farming: Conversion</a>              | Guidance for common grazing applications and updated NPAC wording.  |                       |
| <a href="#">Organic Farming: Maintenance</a>             | Updated NPAC wording.   |                       |
| <a href="#">Deer Fence</a>                               | Specific reference to exclude farmed deer.  |                       |
| <a href="#">Gate</a>                                     | Eligibility updated.  |                       |
| <a href="#">Stock Fence</a>                              | Reminder that funding to create hill parks is excluded.   |                       |

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| <a href="#">Small-scale Tree and Shrub Planting (on a site not exceeding 0.25 hectares)</a> | Regulation changed.   |  |
| <a href="#">Supporting guidance for Small-scale Tree and Shrub Planting</a>                 | Regulation changed.   |  |
| <a href="#">Stock Disposal</a>  | Change to disposal date.  |  |
| <a href="#">Supporting guidance for Stock Disposal</a>                                      | Change to disposal date.  |  |
| <a href="#">Moorland Management</a>   | Updated Deer management Plan template.  |  |
| <a href="#">Supporting guidance for Moorland Management</a>                                 | Updated Deer management Plan template.  |  |
| <a href="#">Deer Census – Helicopter Counts</a>   | Updated Deer management Plan template.  |  |
| <a href="#">Upland Habitat Impact Assessment for Deer Management</a>                        | Updated Deer management Plan template.  |  |
| <a href="#">Open-range Deer Management</a>  | Updated Deer management Plan template.  |  |
| <a href="#">Pond Creation and Restoration for Wildlife</a>                                  | Restrictions removed.   |  |
| <a href="#">Supporting guidance for Pond Creation for Wildlife</a>                          | Restrictions removed.   |  |
| <a href="#">Creation of Hedgerows</a>   | Restrictions removed.   |  |
| <a href="#">Wader and Wildlife Mown Grassland</a>   | Updated wader management plan template<br>Updated VPS wader survey template.<br>Clarification on who can undertake the VPS wader survey |  |
| <a href="#">Wader Grazed Grassland</a>  | Updated wader management plan template<br>Updated VPS wader survey template.<br>Clarification on who can undertake the VPS wader survey |  |