

# Introduction and updates

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**This guidance is effective from 1 January, 2021.**

This guidance provides details on the Greening elements of the Common Agricultural Policy and should be read in conjunction with the guidance for the Basic Payment Scheme and Cross Compliance.

- [Basic Payment Scheme](#)
- [Cross Compliance](#)

Please ensure that you read all the relevant elements of this updated guidance ([including the annexes](#)) if you are intending to apply under the Basic Payment Scheme.

## **Scheme and other changes for 2021**

- Crop Diversification 2021- The requirements for the two/three crop rules have been removed for scheme year 2021 and beyond
- The classification of Ex-structural set-aside has been corrected from Permanent crop to Arable moving from [Annex E \(PDF, Size: 202.9 kB\)](#) to [Annex C \(PDF, Size: 410.1 kB\)](#)
- Cross border businesses submitting a claim for land in Scotland can only meet Greening requirements on land located and claimed in Scotland

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