

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe fees for matters relating to—

- the Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1993, the Oil And Fibre Plant Seed (Scotland) Regulations 2004, the Cereal Seed (Scotland) Regulations 2005, the Fodder Plant Seed (Scotland) Regulations 2005 and the Beet Seed (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (regulation 4 and schedule 1); and
- the Seed (Licensing and Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (regulation 5 and schedule 2).

Regulation 6 makes provision for the Scottish Ministers to exempt any person from compliance with any provision in these Regulations relating to payment of fees.

Regulation 7 revokes the Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (“the 2016 Regulations”).

The changes to the fees in schedules 1 and 2 from those in the 2016 Regulations are as follows:

	<i>Current fee</i>	<i>New fee</i>
	<i>(£)</i>	<i>(£)</i>
SCHEDULE 1		
A. Initial Fees		
(i) Initial fee per hectare or part thereof for crops intended to produce:-		
(a) Pre-Basic Seed or Basic Seed (for applications other than online applications)	29.60	30.13
(b) Certified Seed, Certified Seed of the First Generation, Certified Seed of the Second Generation or Certified Seed of the Third Generation (for applications other than online applications)	4.25	4.33
(i) Reduced initial fee per hectare or part thereof for applications referred to in sub-paragraph (i)(a) or (b) which are withdrawn before arrangements have been made for the purpose of an official examination.	2.75	2.80
(ii) Late application fee per crop payable in addition to initial fee under sub-paragraph (i)(a) or (b)	29.00	29.52
(iii) Official examination of crops intended other than hybrids of swede rape (per hectare or part thereof).	18.80	19.14
(iv) Official field inspection of hybrids of swede rape (per hectare or part thereof).	56.40	57.42
(v) Further official examination of crops (per hectare or part thereof) except:-	18.80	19.14
(a) further official examination of crops for wild oats	8.65	8.81

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(b) further official examination of crops in respect of isolation distance	3.40	3.46
(c) further official examination of crops which have been lodged	7.65	7.79
(i) Authentication of seed lot sown (per crop)	7.65	7.79
(ii) Official examination of crops following an unsatisfactory official post control (per hectare or part thereof)	18.80	19.14
(iii) Additional fee payable for official examinations to be carried out by the Scottish Ministers instead of licensed crop inspectors	29.00	29.52
C. Seed lot fee		
Issuing an official certificate or a breeder's confirmation (except where paragraph D applies) in respect of a seed lot certifying the seed lot to be:-		
(i) of a multiplication category (for applications other than online applications)	85.00	86.53
(ii) of a final generation category (for applications other than online applications)	33.00	33.59
D. Seed lot re-entry fee		
Issuing an official certificate or a breeder's confirmation in respect of a seed lot where, following an application for certification of the seed to be within one particular category, that application has been withdrawn and a new application has been submitted for certification of the seed within another category, as follows:		
(i) Pre-Basic Seed, Basic Seed, Certified Seed, Certified Seed of the First Generation	35.00	35.63
(ii) Certified Seed of the Second Generation or Certified Seed of the Third Generation	17.45	17.76
E. Sampling fees		
Sampling or re sampling of a seed lot for the purposes of an official examination, and for sampling or resampling imported seed intended for further multiplication	50.12	51.02
F. Official label fee		
Fee per seed lot for the issue and printing of a:-		
(i) Tear resistant label for breeder's confirmation seed, Pre-Basic Seed or seed for export	40.50	41.23
(ii) Self-adhesive label for breeder's confirmation seed, Pre-Basic Seed or seed for export	28.00	28.50
G. OECD Certificate		

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	<i>Current fee</i> (£)	<i>New fee</i> (£)
Issuing an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Certificate	25.00	25.45
H. Higher Voluntary Standard		
Verifying that a seed lot meets applicable higher voluntary standards (per seed lot)	7.00	7.13
SCHEDULE 2		
B. Licensed seed testing stations		
Official examination of seed	7.63	7.50
C. Cereal crop inspection courses and examination		
(i) Cereal crop inspection course	618.00	629.12
(ii) Initial examination and compulsory re-test:		
(a) all 3 species groups	96.70	98.44
(b) 2 species	71.20	72.48
(c) 1 species only	35.60	36.24
D. Seed sampling courses and examination		
(i) Tuition and examination for seed samplers licence (administrative and sampling elements)	415.00	422.47
(ii) Tuition and examination for seed samplers licence (administrative element only)	124.50	126.74
(iii) Re-examination fee for seed samplers licence (with sampling function enabled)	36.30	36.95
(iv) Re-examination fee for seed samplers licence (with sampling function not enabled)	10.40	10.59
E. Seed analyst courses and examination		
(i) Laboratory management course registration	1093.00	1,112.67
(ii) Laboratory management course attendance and examination (per day or part thereof)	412.00	419.42
(iii) Analyst course registration	1809.00	1,841.56
(iv) Analyst course registration – additional and retake divisions (per division)	176.00	179.17
(v) Analyst course attendance (per day or part thereof)	412.00	419.42
(vi) Analyst course examination (per day or part thereof)	412.00	419.42
(vii) Tetrazolium testing course attendance (per day or part thereof)	426.00	433.67
(viii) Tetrazolium testing examination (per day or part thereof)	426.00	433.67

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Regulation 8 amends regulation 15(2) of the Seed (Licensing and Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 to correct a drafting error and to fulfil a commitment to the Scottish Parliament to do so.

A business and regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies of it may be obtained from the Scottish Government Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD and online at www.legislation.gov.uk.