

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Seed (Fees) Scotland Regulations 2018 (“the Principal Regulations”), which 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 “the Seed Marketing Regulations”); and
- the Seed (Licensing and Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2016.

Regulation 2 amends schedule 1 of the Principal Regulations (fees for matters relating to the Seed Marketing Regulations).

The changes to the fees in schedule 1 of the Principal Regulations are as follows:

	<i>Current Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
SCHEDULE 1		
A. Initial fees		
(i) Initial fee per hectare or part thereof, except where sub-paragraph (ii) applies, for crops intended to produce:—		
(a) Pre-Basic Seed or Basic Seed.	26.71 (online applications) 31.03 (other applications)	28.15 (online applications) 32.71 (other applications)
(b) Certified Seed, Certified Seed of the First Generation, Certified Seed of the Second Generation or Certified Seed of the Third Generation	3.85 (online applications) 4.46 (other applications)	4.06 (online applications) 4.70 (other applications)
(ii) Reduced initial fee per hectare or part thereof for applications referred to in sub-paragraph (i) (a) or (b) which are withdrawn before arrangements have been made for the purposes of an official examination.	2.88	3.04

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	<i>Current Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
(iii) Late application fee per crop payable in addition to initial fee under subparagraph (i)(a) or (b).	30.41	32.05
B. Crop inspection fees		
(i) Fee for the official examination of crops other than a hybrid of swede rape intended to produce Pre-basic Seed, Basic Seed, Certified Seed, Certified Seed of the First Generation, Certified Seed of the Second Generation or Certified Seed of the Third Generation, per hectare or part thereof examined.	21.29	22.44
(ii) Official field inspection of a hybrid of swede rape, per hectare or part thereof.	63.87	67.32
(iii) Further official examination of crops per hectare or part thereof except:—	21.29	22.44
(a) further official examination of crops for wild oats.	9.80	10.33
(b) further official examination of crops in respect of isolation distance.	3.84	4.05
(c) further official examination of crops which have been lodged.	8.66	9.13
(iv) Authentication of seed lot sown (per crop).	8.66	9.13
(v) Official examination of crops following an unsatisfactory official post control (per hectare or part thereof).	21.29	22.44

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(vi) Additional fee payable for official examinations to be carried out by Scottish Ministers instead of licensed crop inspectors.	30.41	32.05
C. Seed lot fees		
Issuing an official certificate or a breeder's confirmation (except where paragraph D applies) in respect of a seed lot certifying the seed to be:—		
(i) of a multiplication category.	80.75 (online application) 93.59 (other applications)	85.11 (online application) 98.64 (other applications)
(ii) of a final generation category.	31.35 (online applications) 36.33 (other applications)	33.04 (online applications) 38.29 (other applications)
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.	38.53	40.61
(ii) Certified Seed of the Second Generation or Certified Seed of the Third Generation.	19.20	20.24
E. Sampling fees		
Sampling or re-sampling of a seed lot for the purposes of an official examination, and for sampling or re-sampling imported Seed intended for further multiplication.	56.75	59.81
F. Official label fees		

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	Current Fee (£)	New 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.	45.87	48.35
(ii) self-adhesive label for breeder’s confirmation seed, Pre-Basic Seed or seed for export.	31.71	33.42
G. OECD certificate		
Issuing an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Certificate.	28.31	29.84
H. Higher Voluntary Standards (HVS)		
Verifying that a seed lot meets applicable HVS (per seed lot).	7.93	8.36

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.