



The Guide to Cross Compliance in England

2012 edition

The Guide to Cross Compliance in England 2012 edition covers:

- Single Payment Scheme
- Environmental Stewardship
- Uplands Transitional Payment
- Woodland Management Grant and Farm Woodland Premium elements of English Woodland Grant Scheme

Other existing publications on cross compliance

Publication number	Title
PB 13315	<i>Cross Compliance Guidance for Soil Management (2010 edition)</i>
PB 13311	<i>Cross Compliance Soil Protection Review 2010</i>
rpa176	<i>Guidance for Cross Compliance in England: Management of Habitats and Landscape Features</i> (This is available only on the RPA website.)

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Preface

This version of *The Guide to Cross Compliance in England* applies from the 2012 scheme year (1 January 2012) onwards. It replaces all earlier versions of the guide. You may want to keep these earlier versions for reference.

The What's new section in this guide outlines the changes to the cross compliance rules for the 2012 scheme year. A new standard of Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) has been introduced called 'No spread zones' which aims to protect water against pollution and run-off from agricultural sources. Several other new rules have also been included in the Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs). We have highlighted key areas of non-compliance throughout this guide based on previous years' inspection findings, as well as updating the wording throughout the guide to explain some of the rules more clearly. The guide has also been updated to reflect RPA taking over Competent Control Authority (CCA) responsibility from the Environment Agency (EA).

Over the next 12 months, we will be working with farmers, traders and agents to make sure the guidance we produce meets their needs. Future cross compliance guidance will reflect this.

Where the legislation relating to cross compliance changes, we will put updates to this guide on our website at rpa.defra.gov.uk.

You can find a copy of this guide on our website at rpa.defra.gov.uk/crosscompliance/farmerguidance. This website version includes appendices with useful contact details, lists of legislation which apply to cross compliance and more details on some of the cross compliance rules. You can also get information by telephoning the cross compliance helpline on 0845 345 1302.

Legal notice

This guide provides a general, user-friendly, summary of the cross compliance rules and outlines why you need to meet these rules. **It is not a statement of the law.** The specific cross compliance rules are set out in European and UK legislation. You should refer to this legislation to find out exactly what you must do. This legislation and more information are available from the cross compliance section of our website at rpa.defra.gov.uk/crosscompliance.