

The online Cross Compliance Self Assessment Tool at Defra Farm Surveys & Assessments

What is it?

The online Cross Compliance Self Assessment Tool (CCSAT) enables you to quickly and easily assess your current farming practices against both the Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAECs) and the Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs) that make up cross compliance. The CCSAT provides an action plan, a checklist, tailored advice and guidance and further information to help you meet the rules.

Where do I find it?

You can access the CCSAT through the Defra Farm Surveys & Assessments service on Business Link at www.businesslink.gov.uk/cross-compliance. Input your Government Gateway account details (User ID and Password) via the 'Login' button and access the CCSAT directly. If you are new to Defra Farm Surveys & Assessments, please follow the Sign-up instructions via the link entitled 'Go to Farming Online to Register' from the website www.businesslink.gov.uk/cross-compliance.

The Cross Compliance Self Assessment Tool is accessed through the Government Gateway to make sure that it is secure and your information is protected.

How do I use it?

Once you have logged in, you will be asked a short set of questions. These are Shaping Questions. Your answers to the Shaping Questions help to tailor the cross compliance standards specifically to your farm. This means that you will only respond to the areas that directly concern you. Also, if you are a regular Defra Farm Surveys & Assessments customer, information you have previously supplied through other areas that relate to cross compliance will be pre-populated, meaning you will not need to give the same information twice.

Benefits of the Defra Farm Surveys & Assessments Cross Compliance Self Assessment Tool

As you use the CCSAT, an action plan and checklist will be created along the way. These provide you with useful hints and tips about documents, licences, notifications and other information to retain. The action plan will also highlight any areas you may need to think about to improve your farming practice. Each standard also contains further in-depth information sections to help you, in the form of related websites, articles, documents and detailed advice and guidance. You do not have to fill in the whole CCSAT in one go. You can save it, and return to it later to complete and submit your response at another time. Also, you can update and re-submit your answers as often as you want to.