

Circular 20/2015

6th May, 2015

To: GLAS Advisors

Re: **AMENDED VERSION OF GLAS TERMS & CONDITIONS**

NB: An amended version of the GLAS Terms & Conditions, dated 5th May, 2015 has been issued and has replaced the GLAS Terms & Conditions dated 27th February, 2015 on the Department's website. The amended version has changes and insertions as follows, which should be noted:

Point 3.20	Text amended
Point 6.2	Text amended
Point 7.4	Text amended
Point 8.2	Text amended
Point 8.3	Text amended
Point 8.14	Text amended
Point 8.15	Text amended
Point 8.18	NEW
Point 8.19	NEW
Point 9.3	Text amended
Point 9.4	Text amended
Point 11.1	Text amended
Point 22.1	Text deleted
Point 23	Text amended
Point 24	NEW
Points 24 to 31:	Renumbered 25 to 32

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Annex 1 now Annex 1A:	Amended
Annex 2 now Annex 1B	Renumbered
Annex 3 now Annex 2:	Amended
Annex 4 now Annex 3:	Amended
Annex 5 now Annex 4:	Amended
Annex 5:	NEW (selection criteria and scoring matrix)

GLAS Specification and Terms and Conditions may be found on the Department's website at this link <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmerschemespayments/glas/>.

Also, issued by email:

- Revised Terms and Conditions, 5th May 2015;
- Cover note indicating amended/new text;
- GLAS Ranking and Selection Calculator;
- Briefing note – Annex 5 Criteria and Scoring.

Revised Terms and Conditions for GLAS are being uploaded to the website today, which include in Annex 5 the Selection Criteria and scoring to be applied to Tier 3 applications. A copy of Annex 5 is attached, along with an active version of the scoring spreadsheet for your own use. This will allow you to drop in the proposed actions for any Tier 3 application and see the resulting score.

In accordance with the regulations, a pass-mark for Tier 3 applications has been laid down for this Tranche, with a score of 16.3 required. This can be achieved relatively easily: for example a plan for 4 ha of LIPP, 80m of new hedging and 8 bird boxes achieves this score. It should be noted, however, that simply achieving the qualifying score does not guarantee entry into the scheme. With this in mind, advisors are once more reminded of the possibilities of promoting clients from Tier 3 to Tier 2 by selecting one of the key environmental actions identified in the scheme documents, i.e. min till, catch crops, LESS or wild bird cover, provided of course that the minimum required to guarantee promotion is observed.

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