

UTASS Briefing: 6th March 2017.

BASIC PAYMENT SCHEME 2015 & 2016

The RPA have asked all claimants who believe that mistakes have been made in calculating their payments for 2015 and 2016 to contact them using a Payment Query Form. This can be downloaded from

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/basic-payment-scheme-payment-query-form> or paper copies are available at UTASS. This form still needs to be completed and submitted **even if the mistake has already been communicated to the RPA.**

BPS 2017.

The claim window for 2017 BPS applications has now opened. The RPA will only be sending paper forms to those claimants who used them last year. For those who used BPS Online in 2016 the system is now up and running, including the facility to transfer land parcels and entitlements. In order to best support our members, UTASS needs to manage the process to fit in with the personal circumstances and commitments of their staff such as lambing. In the interests of making things as easy and stress free for all concerned, UTASS will be contacting all those who claimed through us last year to make an appointment for this year's claim. The deadline for submitting a claim without late submission penalties is **15th May 2017**. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year for all our members, but it is not advisable to leave applications to the last minute as, in certain circumstances, it may not be possible to add missing land parcels after the 5th May and still meet the 15th May deadline for submissions.

UTASS AGM REMINDER.

This will be held on the 7th March at 7.30pm followed by a talk from Scott Donaldson and a hot supper. For catering purposes please contact UTASS to reserve a place.

For further advice and assistance please call UTASS 01833 641010.

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