

Under the SRDP Land Managers Options, farmers can apply for support towards membership fees of food quality assurance schemes. This includes organic certification. Claims made under LMOs are not competitive.

## Eligible Food Quality Assurance Schemes

The following food quality assurance schemes are eligible for support:

- Lion Eggs
- Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF) marque
- Freedom Foods
- Scottish Quality Wild Venison Assurance Scheme

The following organic certification schemes are eligible for support:

- *Scottish Organic Producers Certification Scheme*
- Soil Association Assurance Scheme
- Organic Food Federation
- Organic Farmers and Growers - Organic Assurance Scheme
- Biodynamic Agricultural Association

## Exclusions

If you are participating in the Organic Aid Scheme or are receiving funding through the organic conversion and maintenance measure in Rural Development Contracts - Rural Priorities or join this during the same year, you cannot claim funding for membership of any of the organic schemes listed above.

## How much can you claim?

You can claim 50% of the joining fee or ongoing membership subscriptions of a food quality assurance scheme up to a maximum of £150 (except VAT unless you are not registered for VAT). Farmers can also join more than one quality assurance scheme per year. SGRPID will pay up to £150 for each scheme you are a member of.

## How to apply

Complete **Section 4** of the LMO application form (included in the Single Application Form Pack) using the code **LMOQAS** and enter the total applied for under this option. Complete **Section 5** giving the details of the individual food quality assurance and organic schemes you wish to apply for. You will be sent a claim form which you must submit along with the supporting documentation (such as a receipted invoice) showing that you are a member of an eligible scheme. You must do this **by 31 August 2009**. The evidence you provide must include your membership number, your name and address and the fee you have paid. SGRPID will verify your current membership with the relevant assurance scheme.

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