

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 Association (SOPA) Organic Certification Scheme
- Soil Association Assurance Scheme
- Organic Farmers & Growers—Organic Assurance Scheme
- Biodynamic Agricultural Association

Exclusions

You are not eligible to claim LMO Organic support if you:

- are currently in the Organic Aid Scheme
- Are intending to apply for Organic Conversion or Maintenance under Rural Development Contracts—Rural Priorities in the same year
- Are receiving funding through a Rural Development Contract for Organic Conversion or Maintenance (this clause will apply in future years of the SRDP as no RDCs have been awarded at the time of writing)

How much can you claim?

You can claim 50% of the joining fee or ongoing membership subscriptions up to a **maximum of £150** (except VAT if you are registered for VAT). You can also join more than one of the above assurance schemes and will be eligible to claim £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 IACS Pack) using the **code LOMQAS** and enter the total amount 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 need to **submit the LMO Application Form on May 15th 2008** along with your IACS Form. You will be sent a claim form which you must submit to SGRPID, along with supporting documentation (such as a receipted invoice) showing you are a member of the eligible scheme. You must do this **by 31st 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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