

Important dates for England transition from BPS and Countryside Stewardship to ELM

Moving from the old system to the new

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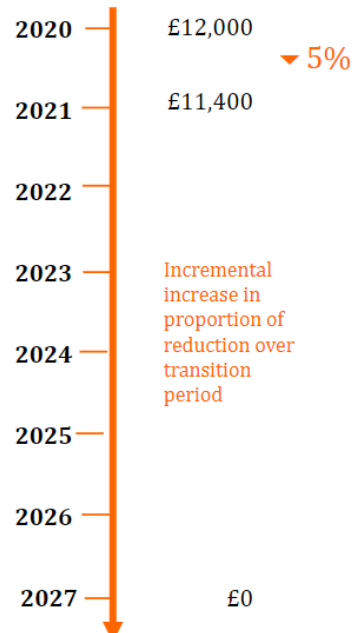
Reductions to Direct Payments

Direct Payment band *	Reduction percentage
Up to £30,000	5%
£30,000 - £50,000	10%
£50,000 - £150,000	20%
£150,000 or more	25%

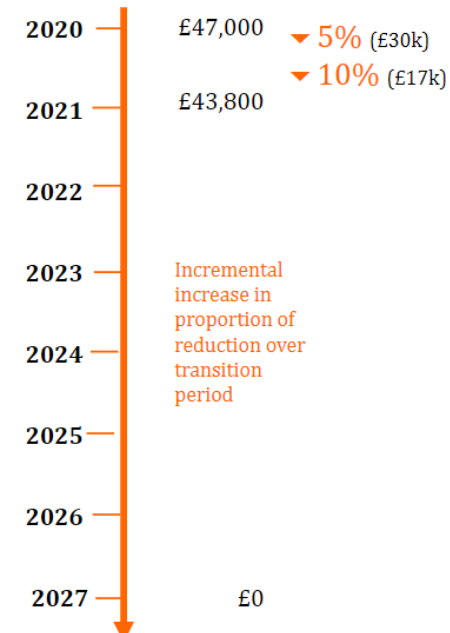
* For example, for a claim worth £40,000, a 5% reduction would be applied to the first £30,000 and a 10% reduction would be applied to the next £10,000.

The reduction percentages will be increased over time until the final payments are made for the 2027 scheme year.

Example of phased reduction in BPS



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Timeline for changes

	2020	2021-23	2023-27
Countryside Stewardship	Schemes still available (Feb '20 new round)	Schemes will continue to be available. (Jan '21-23) Last year for applications to simplified Countryside Stewardship is 2023	
Direct and Basic Payments	Direct payments continue Greening and Young Farmer Payments continue for 2020	Start to phase out Direct payments. Further simplifications made to BPS. Direct payments will be delinked in 2022 at the earliest	Reduction of payments will continue over the transition period (percentages will increase) 2027 – final payment
ELM	Tests & Trials ongoing	2021 - National Pilot starts First pilot module (late 2021)	ELM scheme officially launched
Regulation & enforcement	Penalties made more proportionate. Regulatory standards maintained Cross compliance continues	2021 - Simplifications for cross compliance 2022 - Interim delivery model to start	2024 – New regulatory model
Animal, plant health and animal welfare	Tree health grants scheme trialled 2020/21	April 2022 – Schemes for Animal Health start 2021 - Tree health grants launched alongside ELM	2024 - Tree health grants to replace Countryside Stewardship
Productivity		2021 - Productivity grants available	Productivity grants continue
Innovation, R&D		2021-22 – Scheme rolled out	

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