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Crofting Federation reminds crofters to submit their Single Application Form

Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) reminds crofters to submit their Single Application Form by 15th May if they wish to claim payments under most agricultural support schemes.

“There is a drive to get crofters and farmers to submit their Single Application Form (SAF) on-line,” said Russell Smith, Chair of the Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF). “If you can’t face filling it in on-line you can still do it on a paper form, but it has to be a paper form issued by your local RPID office. It cannot be a form you have downloaded and printed. Staff in the department office are very helpful in advising on how to fill it in if this is new to you.”

Smith added, “If you are going to have a bash at it on-line, don't leave it to the last minute in case problems arise and you miss the deadline.”

The Single Application Form, also known as IACS, is due to be submitted to the Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Division, ‘The Department’, by 15th May. One of these forms must be filled in every year to be able to apply for agricultural support schemes such as the Basic Payments Scheme, beef and sheep schemes, agri-environment schemes, Less Favoured Area Support and so on.

Smith finished, “Just because you haven't received a paper copy in the post doesn't mean you don't have to complete it to qualify for payments. The deadline is fast approaching so I would recommend that now is the time to fill in the SAF, if you have not done so already.”

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- A picture can be found at: <http://www.crofting.org>