



# **Application Form**

**for**

## **Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007**

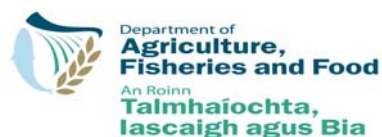
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the  
Minister for Agriculture and Food**

**IN IMPLEMENTATION OF**

**Council Regulation (EC) No. 1698/2005**

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
EARLY RETIREMENT SCHEME (ERS3) 2007  
(Council Regulation (EC) 1698/05 of 20 September 2005)**

**TRANSFERORS' APPLICATION FORM**

*Sections 1-13 Must Be Completed Fully*

**Section 1**

**I/We hereby apply for the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007.**

Name of Applicant. ....  
(Block Capitals)  
(Mr./Mrs./Ms.)  
Address. ....  
.....  
.....

Name(s) of  
Partner(s) .....

Have you an Intensive Enterprise?                      Yes                       No

There are 3 types of application – Joint Management (JM), Joint Ownership (JO) and Sole Applicant (SA)

Tick relevant box    JM                       JO                       SA

If "JM" the following information is required:-

**Spouse/Partner's Date of Birth**

**Herd/Flock/Cereal No. or other  
Department Identifier**

**Spouse/Partner's PPS Number**

**Declaration 1:** (Must be signed by the applicant and any partner(s) ceasing farming)  
I/We have read and agree to observe and be bound by all the conditions of the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 and declare that, to the best of my/our knowledge, all particulars given in support of this application are correct. I/We have ceased all agricultural activity and undertake not to resume agricultural activity in the future. Further, in signing this declaration I/We hereby authorise the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Department of Social and Family Affairs to exchange such information as they may need in relation to any pension payable by them to me/us.

**Signed:** ..... (Applicant)                      **Date:** ..... 20 .....

**Signed:** ..... (Partner)                      **Date:** ..... 20 .....

**Declaration 2:** (Must be signed by the applicant's partner(s) who plan to continue farming)  
I/We have read and agree to observe and be bound by all the conditions of the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 and agree to waive pension entitlements under the said Scheme.

**Signed:** ..... (Partner)                      **Date:** ..... 20 .....

PPS No                       Date of birth                       Herd No

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**Applicant's Date of Birth**

**Applicant's PPS Number**

**Telephone No.**  
**Mobile No.**

**Herd/Flock /Cereal Number or other  
Department Identifier**

## Section 2

Particulars of lands farmed by the Applicant and/or Partner, in Joint Management/Joint Ownership with the applicant (do not include lands of partner continuing in farming).

### A. Details of all lands owned (including area of share of commonage owned) prior to commencement of retirement

Folio/Schedule No.					
Owner					
Area (ha)					<b>Total A:</b>

### B. Area Leased In longterm prior to 01/01/2007 and claimed as Pension land.

Folio/Schedule No.					
Owner					
Lessor					
Commencement date					
Expiry date					
Area (ha)					<b>Total B:</b>

### C. Area Leased Out prior to 01/01/2007 or in year prior if retired between 1/1/05 and 31/12/06 and expiring after the date of receipt of application and area rented out included in A above.

Folio/Schedule No.					
Owner					
Lessor					
Commencement date					
Expiry date					
Area (ha)					<b>Total C:</b>

### D.1. Land disposed of other than pension land after 01/01/2007 or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year prior to retirement if retirement took place on or between 1/1/05 and 31/12/06 and included in A above.

Folio/Schedule No.					
Date of Transfer					
New Owner					
Area (ha)					<b>Total D.1:</b>

### D.2. Land disposed of other than pension land after 01/01/2007 or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year prior to retirement if retirement took place on or between 1/1/05 and 31/12/06 and not included in A above.

Folio/Schedule No.					
Date of Transfer					
New Owner					
Area (ha)					<b>Total D.2:</b>

**E.1. Non-Agricultural Land included in A and B above and retained by the Applicant/Partner.**

Folio/Schedule No.					
Description*					
Area (ha)					<b>Total E.1:</b>

**E.2. Non-Agricultural Land included in A and B above and disposed of to the Transferee.**

Folio/Schedule No.					
Description*					
Area (ha)					<b>Total E.2:</b>

**F. Agricultural Land retained by the Applicant/Partner (Limited to 1 ha of Agricultural land).**

Folio/Schedule No.					
Description*					
Area (ha)					<b>Total F:</b>

**G. Other Agricultural Land farmed by Applicant not eligible for pension.**

LPIS No.					
Description*					
Area (ha)					<b>Total G:</b>

\* Sales of lands, sites, etc.

Area Eligible for ERS3 pension based on legal documentation (A+B) - (C+D1+E1+E2+F) =  (ha)

**Section 3**

Calculation of Percentage of Agricultural Area Disposed of by Transferor other than to Transferee after 01/01/2007 (based on figures from Section 2)

Maximum Area Permitted is 20% as per clause 4.8

(Total D.1. + D.2) x 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ % (must be <= 20%)  
 (Total A. + D.2)



## *Section 5*

The following table should be completed in the case of Intensive Enterprises only. A minimum of 5 production units are required.

<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number of production units</b>
Pig Production: Sow Breeding only	0.8 units/sow		
Sow Breeding and Finishing	1.1 units/sow		
Pigs Finishing only	6.0 units/100 pig places		
Broilers	3.0 units/1000 bird places		
Broiler Breeders	8.0 units/1000 birds		
Layers	3.0 units/1000 birds		
Turkeys (fattening)	3.0 units/1000 birds		
Rabbits	1.0 units/100 does		
Free Range Egg Production	1.5 units/100 birds		
Mushrooms	20 units per 30m. tunnel		
Glasshouse crops	125 units per hectare		
Nursery (liner) production	75 units per hectare		
Shrub production (containers)	50 units per hectare		
Ornamental trees, field grown	25 units per hectare		
<b>Total Production units (Min. of 5 required)</b>			

## *Section 6*

A                    Area claimed for pension: \_\_\_\_\_ hectares\*

B.                    Production Units claimed for pension: \_\_\_\_\_ production units\*  
(to be completed in the case of Intensive Enterprises only).

The figure at A above is the lesser of the two figures recorded at the end of Section 2 (agricultural land area of pension lands based on legal documentation) and at the end of Section 4 (agricultural land area eligible for Early Retirement (ERS3) 2007 based on LPIS parcels).

In the case of Intensive Enterprises the pension will be paid on the greater of the figures at A or B above.

\*N.B. A minimum of 5 ha or 5 production units are required to be eligible for payment

**Section 7**

**Allocation of Land, Farm Buildings and Quotas released under Early Retirement (ERS3) 2007.**

	<b>Transferee 1</b>	<b>Transferee 2</b>	<b>Transferee 3</b>
Name			
Address			
Gross area allocated (ha) Based on LPIS parcels			
Folio number(s) or schedule and Book No. for Unregistered Land	_____	_____	_____
Transfers      Area (ha)  Date	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
Leases      Area (ha)  Start Date  End Date	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Type and amount of Quota transferred/leased	_____	_____	_____
Stock Transferred	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Farm Buildings Allocated	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____

**Section 8**

Are you in receipt of a national retirement pension as described in Section 16.2 from the Department of Social, and Family Affairs?

Yes  No

If the application is Joint Management, is your spouse/partner in receipt of a national retirement pension

Yes  No

If "Yes" to either of the above questions, please state:

Name of recipient -----

Type of pension/payment ----- Amount of weekly pension/payment -----

Date from which paid ----- Claim number -----

**Section 9.**

**Non-Farm Income Details**

Had you a non-farm income in the Income Tax Year prior to the transfer/lease date of the pension lands?

Yes  No

If the application is Joint Management, had your spouse/partner a non-farm income in the Income Tax Year prior to the transfer/lease date of the pension lands?

Yes  No

Description of Non-Farm Income (Year) (Section 3.22)	Annual Income Self €	Annual Income Spouse/Partner €
<b>Total</b>		

Where the total at table is greater than €3,000, complete Section 10. Otherwise proceed to Section 11.

## Section 10

### Calculation of Transferors Income from Farming System operative in the year (*specify Year*) \_\_\_\_\_ prior to the Transfer/Lease.

Please refer to the most recent *Teagasc Management Data for Farm Planning* available. Specify Year of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

				A.	B.	C.	(A.xB.)-(A.xC.) =D.
	Enterprise	Level	Premia/SFP Included Y/N	No. of Units	Gross Margin	½ Standard Fixed Costs	Income from Farming
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
						<b>Total D.=</b>	<b>€</b>

**E.** If Premia/SFP/Disadvantaged Areas Scheme are not included in calculation of **D**, please enter the amount to be included: € \_\_\_\_\_

**F.** 50% of REPS Payment received in year prior to retirement € \_\_\_\_\_

**G.** Transferors Total Income from Farming (**D. + E. + F.**) € \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Determination of Transferors/Applicants Eligibility for Early Retirement Scheme ERS3**

*Where partnership is involved the transferors income should reflect his/her income from the partnership*

**H.** Transferors Non-Farm Income in year prior to retirement (Total Section 9): € \_\_\_\_\_

**I.** Transferors Total Income (**G. + H.**) € \_\_\_\_\_

**Transferors Income from Farming as a percentage of Total Income**  
(percentage must be equal or greater than 25 %)  $(G. \div I. \times 100) =$  \_\_\_\_\_ %

*Section 11*

**CONFIRMATION OF FARMING FOR  
10 YEARS PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER/LEASE DATE**

Were you engaged in farming for each of the ten years prior to the date the transfer/lease documents were signed?

Yes

No

*Section 12*

**Declaration by the Applicant:**

I/We declare that to the best of my/our knowledge, all particulars given in this form are correct. I/We have read and understand the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 conditions and agree to be bound by the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 conditions and to make available all the required information to the Department of Agriculture and Food.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20.....

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Partner)  
(Where applicable)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20.....

*Section 13*

**Declaration by Agricultural Advisor/Consultant/Socio Economic Advisor:**

To the best of my knowledge the applicant(s) meet the Scheme conditions to allow him/her to apply for the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 and the details provided on this application form and supporting documents are correct and accurate.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Profession:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20...

(Agricultural Advisor/Consultant/Socio Economic Advisor)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Block Capitals)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Tel No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**  
**EARLY RETIREMENT (ERS3) 2007**  
**Council Regulation (EC) 1698/2005 of 20 September, 2005**

**TRANSFeree'S APPLICATION FORM**

*Sections 1-6 Must Be Completed as appropriate,*

***Section 1***

Name of Transferor: .....

<b>Transferee's date of Birth</b>
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Name of Transferee: .....  
(Block Capitals)  
(Mr./Mrs./Ms.)

<b>Transferee's PPS Number</b>
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Address: .....  
.....  
.....  
.....

<b>Telephone No:</b>
<b>Mobile No:</b>

<b>Herd/Flock/Cereal Number or other Department Identifier</b>
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Relationship to Transferor .....

Name: .....

(In the case of Joint Owner/Leaseholder/Partner – delete as appropriate)

Category of Transferee, please tick    A.             B.             C.   
(see paragraph 7 of Scheme Document)

Is the Transferee involved in a farm partnership arrangement?    Yes             No

Does the application involve an Intensive Enterprise?            Yes             No

## Section 2

Complete the relevant section depending on category of Transferee (see Section 7 of Scheme Document for further details).

### Category A

Have you been approved for payment under the Young Farmer's Installation Scheme?    Yes  No

Are you now applying for payment under the Young Farmer's Installation Scheme    Yes  No

Year of Payment .....

Young Farmer's Installation Scheme Reference Number (where available) .....

### Category B

#### If born after 1/1/75

1. Has the transferee at least 3 years experience in farming?    Yes  No

2. Has the transferee completed a course of training in agriculture or horticulture of at least 180 hours duration?    Yes  No

*Evidence of appropriate qualifications must be attached.*

#### If born before 1/1/75

1. Has the transferee at least 5 years experience in farming?    Yes  No

#### Non Farm Income Details

Had you a non-farm income in the tax year prior to the signing of the transfer/lease or in the Tax Year prior to application?    Yes

If "Yes", please specify the year and complete the table below.    Year

Description of Non-Farm Income	€
<b>Total</b>	

### Category C

Have you been approved as a Transferee under a previous Scheme of Early Retirement from Farming?

Yes  No

If "Yes" please complete the following:-

	Transferor I	Transferor 2	Transferor 3
<b>Year of Application</b>			
<b>ERS Reference No.</b>			
<b>Name of Transferor</b>			
<b>Address of Transferor</b>	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....	..... ..... .....



**Section 3 (contd.)**

C. Enlargement lands farmed by the Transferee (Category B & C Transferees only)

	i	ii	i-ii
<b>LPIS Number</b>	<b>Gross LPIS area (ha)</b>	<b>Deductions for Non-Agricultural land (ha)</b>	<b>Agricultural Land Area (ha)</b>
Total C.			<b>ha</b>

D. Other lands farmed by the Transferee

	i	ii	i-ii
<b>LPIS Number</b>	<b>Gross LPIS area (ha)</b>	<b>Deductions for Non-Agricultural land (ha)</b>	<b>Agricultural Land Area (ha)</b>
Total D.			<b>ha</b>

**Calculation of the minimum area required by the Transferee.  
(to be completed by Categories B & C Transferees only)**

(Total A. ÷ (Total A. + B.)) × 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ %

Where the above is 50 % or more, then the Transferee requires a minimum of 15 ha of Agricultural Land, otherwise the 20 ha minimum applies.

1. Minimum Agricultural Land area required by the Transferee: 15 ha  20 ha  (please tick)
2. Agricultural Land area obtained from Transferor (Total A. + B.) = \_\_\_\_\_ ha
3. Agricultural Land area of Enlargement lands farmed (Total C.) = \_\_\_\_\_ ha  
*minimum of 5 ha of Agricultural Land is required*
4. Agricultural Land area of Other lands farmed (Total D.) = \_\_\_\_\_ ha
5. Total Holding Farmed by the Transferee (Total A. + B. + C. + D.)= \_\_\_\_\_ ha

## Section 4

**To be completed in the case of Intensive Enterprises only.**

A. Production Units obtained from Transferor:

Enterprise	Units	Number	Number of production units
Pig Production: Sow Breeding only	0.8 units/sow		
Sow Breeding and Finishing	1.1 units/sow		
Pigs Finishing only	6.0 units/100 pig places		
Broilers	3.0 units/1000 bird places		
Broiler Breeders	8.0 units/1000 birds		
Layers	3.0 units/1000 birds		
Turkeys (fattening)	3.0 units/1000 birds		
Rabbits	1.0 units/100 does		
Free Range Egg Production	1.5 units/100 birds		
Mushrooms	20 units per 30m. tunnel		
Glasshouse crops	125 units per hectare		
Nursery (liner) production	75 units per hectare		
Shrub production (containers)	50 units per hectare		
Ornamental trees, field grown	25 units per hectare		
<b>Total Production units</b>			

B. Details of other Production Units (to include Enlargement Production Units required for Category B and C Transferees only):

Enterprise	Units	Number	Number of production units
Pig Production: Sow Breeding only	0.8 units/sow		
Sow Breeding and Finishing	1.1 units/sow		
Pigs Finishing only	6.0 units/100 pig places		
Broilers	3.0 units/1000 bird places		
Broiler Breeders	8.0 units/1000 birds		
Layers	3.0 units/1000 birds		
Turkeys (fattening)	3.0 units/1000 birds		
Rabbits	1.0 units/100 does		
Free Range Egg Production	1.5 units/100 birds		
Mushrooms	20 units per 30m. tunnel		
Glasshouse crops	125 units per hectare		
Nursery (liner) production	75 units per hectare		
Shrub production (containers)	50 units per hectare		
Ornamental trees, field grown	25 units per hectare		
<b>Total Production units</b>			

1. Minimum requirement of 20 Production Units met by transferee? Yes  No  (please tick)
2. Does the Transferee require Enlargement Units? Yes  No  (please tick)  
(Category B and C Transferees only). **If yes a minimum of 5 Production Units is required**
3. Production Units obtained from Transferor (Total at A) = \_\_\_\_\_ PUs
4. Enlargement Production Units (Total at B) = \_\_\_\_\_ PUs
5. Total Holding Farmed by the Transferee (Total A. + B) = \_\_\_\_\_ PUs

## *Section 5*

**Declaration by the Transferee:**

I/We undertake to farm all of the lands or production units obtained from the Transferor for a minimum period of 5 years or until the pension period ends whichever is the greater.

I/We undertake to farm the minimum area of agricultural land or production units for a minimum period of 5 years or until the pension period ends whichever is the greater.

I/We undertake to farm the minimum enlargement land area or enlargement production units where required for a minimum period of 5 years.

I/We declare that to the best of my/our knowledge, all particulars given in this form are correct. I/We have read and understand the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 conditions and agree to be bound by the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 conditions and to make available all the required information to the Department of Agriculture and Food

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ Transferee

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20....

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Owner/Leaseholder  
*(where applicable)*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20....

## *Section 6*

**Declaration by Agricultural Advisor/Consultant/Socio Economic Advisor:**

To the best of my knowledge the transferee(s) meet the Scheme conditions to allow him/her participate in the Early Retirement Scheme (ERS3) 2007 and the details provided on this application form and supporting documents are correct and accurate.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Profession:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 20...

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

**EARLY RETIREMENT (ERS3) 2007  
(Council Regulation (EC) 1698/2005 of 20 Sept. 2005)**

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**WORKER'S APPLICATION FORM**

**I/ hereby apply for Early Retirement (ERS3) 2007.**

Name of Applicant. ....  
(Block Capitals)  
(Mr./Mrs./Ms.) .....  
  
Address. ....  
.....  
.....

<b>Applicant's Date of Birth</b>
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<b>Applicant's PPS Number</b>
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<b>Telephone No.</b>
<b>Mobile No.</b>

<b>Class of PRSI Deduction</b>
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Name of Scheme participant (the transferor)  
for whom the applicant worked ..... Telephone No .....

Details of farm work experience over the past 5 years:  
.....  
.....

**Declaration by Transferor:**

I certify that the applicant worked on my farm for at least the equivalent of two years full time during the four-year period preceding my early retirement.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** ..... 20 .....

**Declaration: (To be signed by the "Worker")**

I have read and agree to observe and be bound by all of the conditions set out in Section 8 of Early Retirement (ERS3) 2007 and declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all particulars given in support of this application are correct. I have ceased all farm work and undertake not to resume farm work in the future.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** ..... 20 .....

*When completed, this form should be forwarded with the transferor's application for Early Retirement to the Early Retirement Section, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford.*

**EARLY RETIREMENT (ERS3) 2007**  
**PAYMENT OF PENSION DIRECT INTO A BANK ACCOUNT**

Please complete the relevant parts of this application form and  
 return it with the application form for Early Retirement (ERS3) 2007

**Application Form**

Please pay my pension direct to my bank account.  
 I am paid monthly.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(payslip will be sent to the above address)

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Group No:

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Personnel No:

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**Bank Account Details**

Bank Code :

<b>110</b>
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The bank code is available from your bank.

( Please ensure this code is correct. )

Bank Name:

<b>130</b>
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Branch Address:

<b>131</b>
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<b>132</b>
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\_\_\_\_\_

<b>133</b>
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\_\_\_\_\_

Full name in which account is held:

<b>140</b>
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\_\_\_\_\_

Account Number:

<b>121</b>
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(Please ensure that this number is complete & correct)

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**Check List to Accompany Application Form**

**Documents to be submitted in the following order:**

**Applicant/Transferor**

Tick documents supplied.

- 1. Transferor's application form
- 2. Certificate from District Veterinary Office confirming that herd no. or other Department Identifier has been transferred, cancelled or made dormant
- 3. Transferor's **original** Birth Certificate (shall be accompanied by a Marriage Certificate/Deed Poll if the name on the birth certificate is different to the applicants current name).
- 4. Spouse's/Partner's **original** Birth Certificate (in Joint Management situation) shall be accompanied by a Marriage Certificate/Deed Poll if the name on the birth certificate is different to the applicants current name.
- 5. Proof of non-farm income and PPSN for Tax Year prior to transfer/lease for applicant (and spouse/partner in Joint Management situations).
- 6. Signed declarations by the applicant(s) (Section 12) and the Agricultural Advisor/Consultant/Socio Economic Adviser (Section 13)
- 7. Legal documents relating to all the transferor's/applicant's lands as outlined in Appendix II and III
- 8. BM 1 form for payment of pension direct into a Bank Account

**Farming Transferee**(Complete separate form for each transferee)

- 1. Transferee's application form
- 2. Certificate from District Veterinary Office confirming the transferees Herd Number or other Department Identifier or proof of application for same.
- 3. Transferee's **original** Birth Certificate (shall be accompanied by a Marriage Certificate/Deed Poll if the name on the birth certificate is different to the applicants current name).
- 4. Certificate of Farming Qualifications (Category B transferee only)
- 5. Proof of non-farm income and PPSN for Tax Year prior to signing of the transfer/lease or in the year prior to application where applicable (Category B only)
- 6. Signed declarations by the transferee(s) (Section 5) and the Agricultural Advisor/Consultant/Socio Economic Adviser (Section 6)
- 7. Relevant documents relating to enlargement lands for Category B & C transferees as per Section 7.8
- 8. Certified copy of Partnership Agreement (if applicable)

**Worker**

- 1. Worker's application form
- 2. Worker's **original** Birth Certificate
- 3. Confirmation of PRSI Contributions

**Declaration to be completed by Applicant(s)**

I/we certify that the documentation indicated above is attached to this application

Signature(s) of Applicant(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration to be completed by Agricultural Advisor/Agricultural Consultant/Socio-Economic Advisor.**

**I hereby certify that the documentation indicated above is attached.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Note on Publication Requirements**

### **Details to be Published**

Council Regulation 1290/2005 requires the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to publish, on its web site, certain details of beneficiaries of schemes funded or co-funded by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) or the European Agricultural Rural Development Fund (EAFRD). Council Regulations are binding and directly applicable in member states. The data will also be accessible through an EU Commission website.

The details to be published are name, the municipality where the beneficiary resides, the postal code where one exists and payments data as follows:

- a) total direct payments (Single Farm Payment),;
- b) total payments under other measures funded by EAGF (e.g. market intervention, export refunds etc.);
- c) total payments under measures co-funded under EAFRD (REPS, Early Retirement Scheme, Young Farmers Installation Aid, Compensatory Allowances in Less Favoured Areas, Farm Improvement Scheme);

and

- d) the sum of these payments.

For the purposes of publication in Ireland, the address details to be published will be County and the address line immediately above County in the Department's client database.

### **Dates of Publication**

The dates of by which the data must be published are as follows:

- **No later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008:**
  - Expenditure between 1/1/07 and 15/10/07 on schemes co-funded by the EAFRD. These are The Early Retirement Scheme, The Rural Environment Protection Scheme and Compensatory Allowances in Less Favoured Areas.
  
- **No later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and each year thereafter:**
  - Expenditure between 16/10/07 and 15/10/08 on schemes co-funded by EAFRD. These will include the schemes referred to above, and also the Farm Improvement and Young Farmers' Installation Aid Schemes;
  
  - Expenditure between 16/10/07 and 15/10/08 on schemes funded by EAGF. These include the Single Farm Payment, any residual coupled premia made in that period, sugar restructuring payments, export refunds, market intervention, production aids, and any other payments funded by EAGF.

## **Amounts to be Published**

The amount to be published will be payments net of any deductions for overpayments as at the 15<sup>th</sup> October in the year concerned. It will not be the same as the payment data on the farmers' annual statement, which is calculated over a calendar year, and includes schemes which are nationally funded.

## **Data Protection**

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