Rural Payments Agency

Key dates for 2023: Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), Countryside Stewardship (CS), Environmental Stewardship (ES) and Lump Sum Exit Scheme

January 2023 | February 2023 | March 2023 | April 2023 | May 2023 | June 2023 | July 2023 | August 2023 | September 2023 | October 2023 | November 2023 | December 2023 | January 2024 | February 2024 | March 2024 | April 2024 | May 2024 | June 2024 | July 2024

14 Mar: BPS applications open

15 May (midnight): BPS 2023 applications (including Young and New Farmers applications) and entitlement transfer deadline without penalty

9 June (midnight): deadline for making certain changes without penalty to a BPS application already submitted before midnight on 15 May, and deadline for BPS late applications (with penalty)

BPS 2023 scheme year

31 May (midnight): deadline to return Lump Sum Exit Scheme evidence

RPA makes Lump Sum Exit Scheme payments

14 Mar: CS revenue claim declarations and ES revenue claims open

15 May (midnight): deadline for submitting a CS revenue claim declaration or ES revenue claim without reduction

31 Aug (midnight): deadline for submitting a CS revenue claim declaration or ES revenue claim (with reduction), or for making certain changes to a CS revenue claim declaration that was submitted before midnight on 15 May (without reduction)

CS Revenue Claim Declarations and ES Revenue Claims

1 Aug — **RPA makes advance BPS 2023 payments**

1 Dec — **RPA makes CS/ES and final BPS 2023 payments** — 30 Jun

CS and ES HLS Capital Claims: open for capital claims all year

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7 Feb — **CS Higher Tier** open for applications — 28 Apr

CS Higher Tier agreement offers sent out

21 Mar — **CS Mid Tier** open for applications — 15 Sep

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21 Mar — **CS Wildlife Offers** open for applications — 15 Sep

CS Wildlife Offers agreement offers sent out

CS Countryside Protection and **CS Capital Grants:** open for applications all year from **5 Jan 2023**

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NEW – CS Higher Tier Capital Grants: open for applications all year from **5 Jan 2023**

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CS Woodland Tree Health and **CS Woodland Management Plan:** open for applications all year

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