

Higher Level Stewardship British native-origin seed form



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Please enter your name and address in the panel below

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Your British native-origin seed form was received by Natural England on the date shown overleaf.

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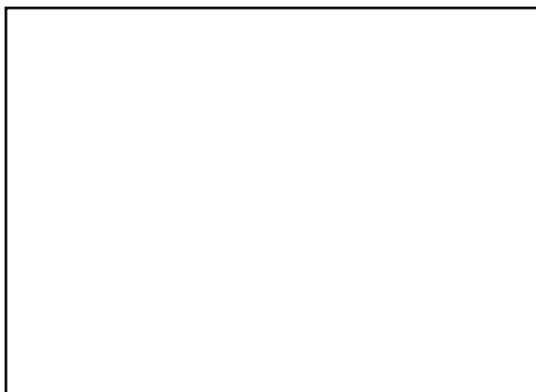
How to use this form

Important: before you complete this form, please read your Higher Level Stewardship scheme agreement, handbook and supplements (if any). If you need further guidance please contact Natural England.

- This form should be used to register the source of seed used on your HLS agreement.
- British native-origin seed refers to seed originally collected from wild populations in Great Britain (from sites with no known history of sowing of amenity or agricultural varieties) and either sown directly, or grown on as a field crop to provide further seed. It includes seed collected in 'green hay'. It excludes certified amenity or agricultural varieties of native species
- **Organic farmers should source native seed from an organic source, if one is available. If not, they should contact their Organic Inspection Body to discuss whether an alternative source requires a derogation.** Please read the OELS and HLS scheme handbooks and supplements (if any) for more information on the use of native seed mixes.
- HLS agreement holders must complete this form when claiming payment for native seed capital items. Your HLS claim cannot be paid until this form has been received.
- Please write clearly in **black ink** and BLOCK letters. Any alterations must be initialled and dated. Do **not** use correction fluid.
- If you require more space for any section please continue on a separate sheet, ensuring that you add the agreement reference, sign and date each sheet.
- Please send your completed form to your Natural England office. Forms completed electronically must be printed and signed. You are advised to keep a copy of this form for your records.

This form is available from your Natural England Office or the Natural England web site at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/forms/default.aspx>

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Section 1: Details of agreement holder

1.
 - a) Agreement reference number
 - b) Name of applicant/agreement holder
Title
(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) Initials
Forename(s)
Surname
 - c) Business name
 - d) Correspondence address
(including postcode)
 - e) Telephone number
(incl. national dialling code)
 - f) Fax number (incl. national dialling code)
 - g) Mobile number
 - h) Email address
2. Authorisation for an agent to complete an HLS British native-origin seed form.
 - a) I am an agent completing this form on behalf of the agreement Holder. Yes No
If '**No**', please go to Section 2.
 - b) If '**Yes**' the individual(s) on whose behalf you are completing this form must have authorised you to complete it. If no written authorisation has been supplied previously for this agreement, you must submit it with this completed form.
Please tick to confirm if an authorisation letter or form is attached.
Please tick to confirm if an authorisation letter or form has been previously supplied

Section 3: Details of the source of the native seed mix

4. a) Have you purchased a seed mix from a seed supplier? Yes No

If **No**, please go to question 5

If **Yes**, please provide details of the purchased seed mix at b, c, d & e below and then go straight to Section 4.

- b) Name and/or contents of seed mix (please append a species list if available)

- c) Quantity (kg) purchased

- d) Name of seed supplier

- e) Address of seed supplier (including postcode)

Now go to Section 4 and read and sign the declarations.

5. a) Have you collected your own mix, or paid for a contractor to collect a seed mix, from a specific field or fields? Yes No

If **Yes**, please tick to indicate which method was used to collect the seed:

Green hay (freshly cut material from species-rich vegetation)

Specialised seed harvesting machinery e.g. combines, brush, vacuum harvester

Hand collected seed

Other

If other please specify:

- b) Name of site where seed was collected

- c) Name of site owner

g) Please indicate the habitat type from which the seed (or other material) was collected:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lowland heathland | Reedbeds |
| Lowland calcareous grassland | Cereal field margin/arable crop |
| Lowland meadow/pasture | Upland acid grassland |
| Lowland acid grassland | Upland heathland |
| Rush pasture | Upland calcareous grassland |
| Semi-natural wet grassland | Upland hay meadow |
| Semi-natural woodland | Other |
| If 'Other' please specify | |

h) To the best of your knowledge has there been any sowing of agricultural or amenity varieties on the site in the last 25 years? Yes No

If **Yes**, we may need to contact you to discuss your claim.

Section 4 : Declaration

I declare that:

- I have read and understand the provisions of my agreement and have complied with its terms, except as otherwise approved in writing by Natural England; and
- the information given in this form is to the best of my knowledge correct and I accept full responsibility for it.

This declaration must be signed by the agreement holder or by an agent who has written authority from the agreement holder.

Name in BLOCK letters

Signature

Date

Warning

If you knowingly or recklessly make a false or misleading statement to obtain aid for yourself or anyone else, you risk prosecution (which could result in imprisonment, a fine or both), the loss of all aid paid to you under the scheme(s) in respect of which you have made a commitment, and exclusion from certain schemes for up to two years.

Data Protection

For information on how we handle personal data go to www.gov.uk/rpa and search 'Rural Payments Agency personal information charter'.