

GLASTIR ORGANIC

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

**- FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS**

Q: Are all organic contracts due to expire 31/12/2019 going to be extended?

A: The Minister's statement on the 10th December 2018 confirms this:

<https://gov.wales/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2018/181210-80m-for-glastir-and-sustainable-production-grant/?lang=en>

Q: Why am I not receiving a 2 year extension to my land under contract that is due to expire 31/12/2019?

A: You will do but these extension offers will be made in two stages. The first being effective from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020 and the second effective from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

Glastir Organic Contract Join Date Parcels	1st Annual Extension Offer (Effective from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020)	2nd Annual Extension Offer (Effective from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021)
2015 Join Date (01/01/2015) Parcels	Yes	Yes
2016 Join Date (01/01/2016) Parcels	No	Yes
2017 Join Date (01/01/2017) Parcels	No	No
2017 land under contract will NOT be offered an extension as the Minister has only announced extensions up to 31/12/2021		

Q: What do I do if the details on my contract extension are no longer correct?

A: It is advisable to accept your contract extension offer within the 21 days deadline you have been given and notify RPW of any contract amendments via your RPW account by the 30th January 2020.

Q: What will happen if I do not wish to accept this annual extension offer to my Contract?

A: If your existing Glastir Organic contract contains land entered into the scheme on 1 January 2015, your existing contract and support will end on 31 December 2019.

If your existing Glastir Organic contract contains other land entered into the scheme on either 1st January 2016 or 1st January 2017, you will continue to receive support for this land (as long as scheme requirements are fulfilled), so the support will end on the 31 December 2019 for the 2015 land.

If you wish to continue to receive support for other land entered into the scheme (2016 and/or 2017) you MUST accept this extension offer and send contract amendment advice to RPW via your RPW Online account by the 30th January 2020.

Q: I have a Glastir Organic Contract that includes land brought under contract in different years, will all of my land be included in this contract extension?

A: This annual extension offer is on land that was entered into the scheme on 1 January 2015 which is due to end on 31 December 2019 ONLY.

If you only wish to continue to receive support for land brought under contract in 2016 and/or 2017 but not the land brought in in 2015, you MUST accept this extension offer and send contract amendment advice to RPW via your RPW Online account by the 30th January 2020.

Q: What will happen to land that I entered into the scheme in subsequent years, 1st January 2016 and 1st January 2017?

A: Land entered into the scheme on the 1st January 2016 will continue to receive support as per your original contract i.e. until 31st December 2020.

Land entered into the scheme on the 1st January 2017 will also continue to receive support as per your original contract i.e. until 31st December 2021.

If you only wish to continue to receive support for land brought under contract in 2016 and/or 2017 but not the land brought in in 2015, you MUST accept this extension offer and send contract amendment advice to RPW via your RPW Online account by the 30th January 2020.

Q: Is there going to be an opportunity to enter additional land into the scheme?

A: There will be no further Expressions of Interest windows for Glastir Organic for “new” additional land to be entered into an Organic contract.

Q: How do I accept my extension? And what is the deadline date?

A: The contract will be offered via RPW Online. You will then need to accept this contract via the Blue Button on RPW online within 21 days of the contract offer.

Q: Do I need to take action if I wish to decline the extension?

A: No. The contract will not be available to accept after the 21 days have passed.

Q: If I decline my extension, will I be required to repay any payments made under the original contract?

A: No. Your extension is a separate contract to the original 5 year Glastir Organic contract.

If you have land entered into the scheme on the 1st January 2016 and/or on the 1st January 2017 wish to continue to receive support for this land, you MUST accept this extension offer. If you no longer wish to receive support for the land entered into the scheme 1st January 2015, you will need to send contract amendment advice to RPW via your RPW Online account by the 30th January 2020.

Q: What payments can I expect?

A: Provided you have met the scheme requirements, along with the validation and verification of your annual claim, payments will be made at the “Maintenance” payment rates.

Payment Type	Maintenance	Annual Certification Costs*
Payment Rate 1	£400/ha	£80/ha
Payment Rate 2	£65/ha	£10/ha
Payment Rate 3	£15/ha	£3/ha
*Certification Costs will be capped at £500 per contract per year.		

Q: Does Management Control need to cover the full extension period as well as the original 5 year contract period?

A: Yes. Contract holders must have full Management Control for all of the land under the Glastir Organic Contract original 5 year period and extension period.

Q: I have land in my contract extension offer that I will be losing management control over during the contracted period. What should I do?

A: This land must be removed from your contract extension. The contract extension offer must be accepted online within 21 days of the extension offer and any contract amendment advice sent to RPW via your RPW Online account by the 30th January 2020. We will then remove the affected land and a revised contract can be issued.

You are reminded that you must notify RPW of any land changes **within 30 days** of the change.

Q: Can I transfer land during the annual extension period?

A: Yes land under this extension offer can be transferred. The transferee must ensure that management control and certification documentation remains continuous throughout the transfer. The transferee must claim the transferred in land on their associated Single Application Form.

Q: Do I need to provide annual certification and land schedule from an OCB for this extension period?

A: Yes. All land under contract must be continuously certified for the full contract period including this extension period, up to and including 31st December 2020.

Q: Will I continue to receive certification costs to cover my annual certification fees with my Organic Control Body?

A: Yes. As long as all land is continuously certified and is detailed on the verified certificate and land schedule submitted to RPW.

Q: How is my contract extension payment calculated?

A: The land under this extension offer will receive “Maintenance” payment rates as per your original contract. This is not an opportunity to change existing conditions to attract a different payment rate to this extension land.

Q: When will I receive my contract extension?

A: Your contract extension will be issued to you via your RPW Online account in the autumn and you will have 21 days to accept the offer of contract via the blue button.

Q: 5 Year Business Plan – do I need to provide a revised business plan to cover this extension period?

A: A revision to your existing Business Plan submitted is not required.

Horticulture Requirements:

Q: Five year land parcel rule: Need to have planted the Payment Rate 1 land with a horticulture crop at least once in the 5 years. Will RPW allow an extension on this if this eligibility requirement has not been met in the first 5 years?

A: No. This eligibility requirement should have been met in the first five years.

Q: Am I allowed to change Payment Rate 1 (Horticulture) land to Payment Rate 2 as part of the extension or must the Payment Rate remain the same?

A: This extension is based on all of your land that was entered into a Glastir Organic contract on 1 January 2015 only. It is not an opportunity to change existing conditions of this land. Any amendments where they will affect existing requirements will need to be submitted in writing for consideration via your RPW Online account.

Q: Does the 40% minimum per annum still remain?

A: Existing eligibility requirements are to remain on the extended contract land.

Q: If I breach during the extension period of my contract, will there be any impact on the payments received under my original Glastir Organic contract?

A: If the evidence indicates the breach occurred during the original contract period, penalties may also be applied to claims already paid.

Q: If my Glastir Organic contract ends, will I still be exempt from the BPS Greening rules

A: Yes. You will have to fully comply with the BPS Greening rules.

Q: How do I claim my annual payment?

A: You must continue to claim for your annual payment via your Single Application Form, and you must claim for each land parcel included in your extended contract.