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# Organic Conversion Scheme - Expression of Interest (EoI) Using RPW Online to Apply

# **Important Notice:**

These instructions will give you step-by-step guidance on how to complete your Organic Conversion Scheme Expression of Interest (EOI).

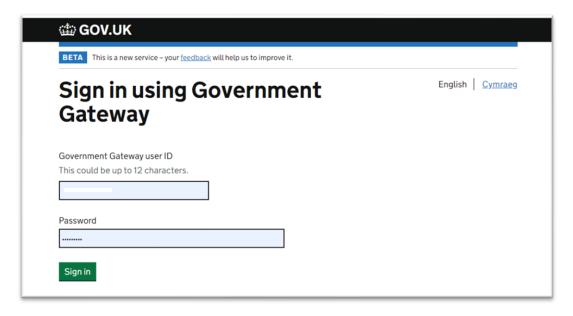
The Welsh Government produces this guidance in Welsh and English as required under the Welsh Government Welsh Language Scheme. Should you require a copy of this guide in the alternative language, you can access it from <u>gov.wales</u> by selecting the language switcher at the top of the page and re-opening the document

If you are encountering problems or are unable to access our website, please contact the RPW Online Helpdesk on 0300 062 5004.

# **SECTION 1 – GETTING STARTED**

#### **RPW Online**

Log into your RPW Online Account – enter your User ID and Password in the boxes and click the **Log In** button.

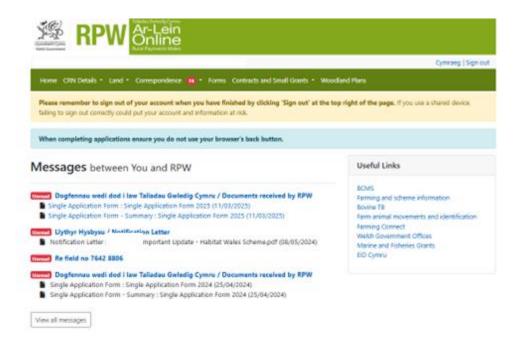


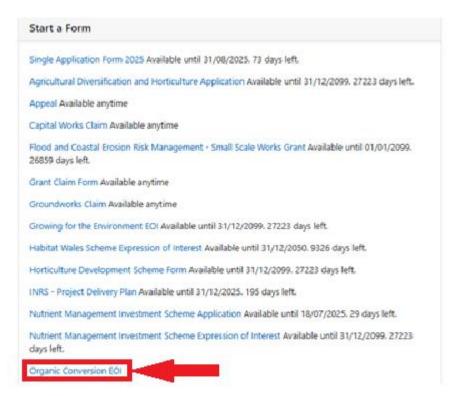
If you are encountering any problems or are unable to access your online account, please contact the RPW Online Helpdesk on 0300 062 5004.

Once logged in to your online account the RPW Online 'Homepage' will appear. This page will show information and messages you have received or sent, as well as being able to start and submit any available Applications.

# **Organic Conversion Expression of Interest**

To start your Organic Conversion Eol, click the appropriate link under the **Start a Form** area as shown:





# **SECTION 2 – OVERVIEW OF NAVIGATION CONTROLS**

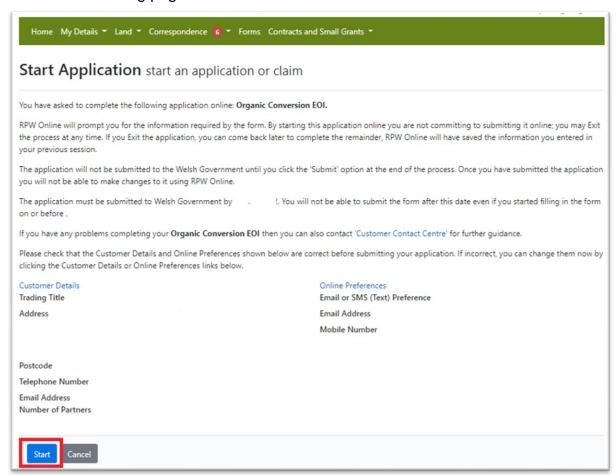
This is an overview of the Navigation controls on each page that you will need to use to complete your Application:

Cymraeg English	Located on the bottom left side of the page where applicable. This will allow you to choose the language your Application is displayed in.
Help 🕖	Located at the top left of each page where applicable. This button will take you to the <i>Using RPW Online to Apply</i> document for the scheme.
<b>∢</b> Previous Next <b>&gt;</b>	Located at the top right and bottom right of each page where applicable, these buttons will allow you to move forwards and backwards between pages of your Application.
₽ Print	Located at the bottom left of each page where applicable, this button will allow you to Print a snapshot of your Application in its current state. <b>Important note</b> : Printed copies of your Application will not be accepted for submission.
□ Save	Located at the top right and bottom right of each page where applicable, click this button to save any changes made. Clicking this button will also check to see if changes made to the current page are acceptable.
<b>▲</b> Exit	Located at the bottom left of each page where applicable, click to exit your Application. Changes are saved automatically.
✓ X 0	These indicators appear next to each section of your Application, on the left side of the page.
•	The green tick appears when entries made in a section are acceptable.
×	The red cross appears where a required section/page hasn't been viewed yet, or if there are errors that need to be corrected.
0	The blue Information icon appears where an Information message has been triggered due to a change made on the form.

#### **SECTION 3 – THE APPLICATION**

#### **Start Application Page**

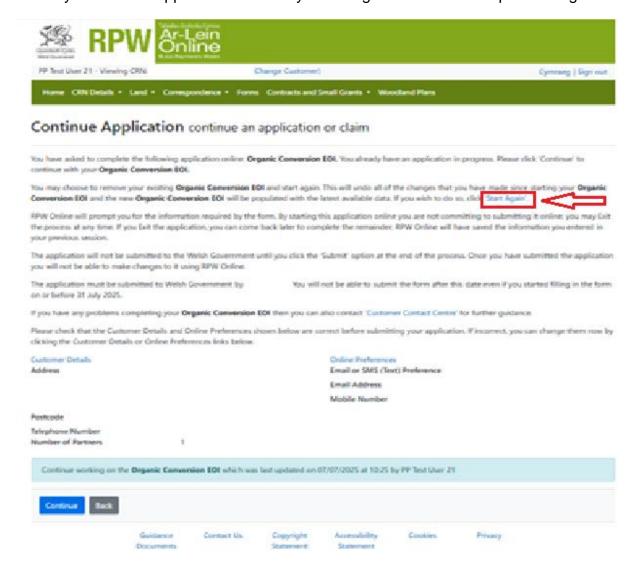
Once you have selected the appropriate link to start your Expression of Interest, you will see the following page.



Before commencing, please check that the details shown are correct. If needed, you can make changes by clicking the **Customer Details** link or the **Online Preferences** link.

If the details shown are correct, select the **Start** button. This will take you to the Introduction screen.

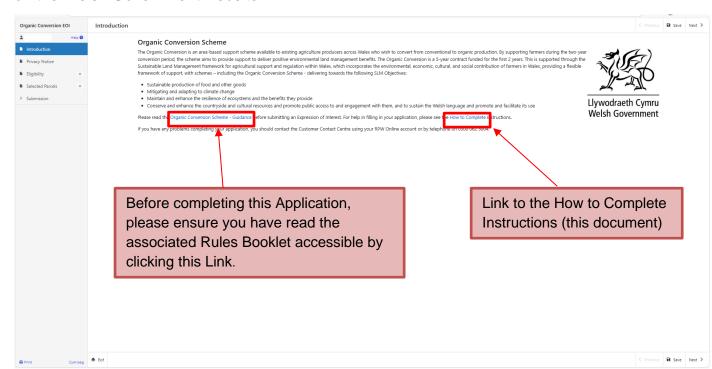
**Note:** If you exit an in-progress Application, the changes will be saved to continue later. This page will change to **Continue Application** when revisited. There will be an additional option to restart your application if necessary – click **Start Again** to delete your current Application. You may then begin the submission process again.



#### Introduction

This page provides key messages about the Application. Please ensure you read them thoroughly before you begin.

It also provides links to the relevant Guidance Booklet and How to Complete Guidance on the Welsh Government website.

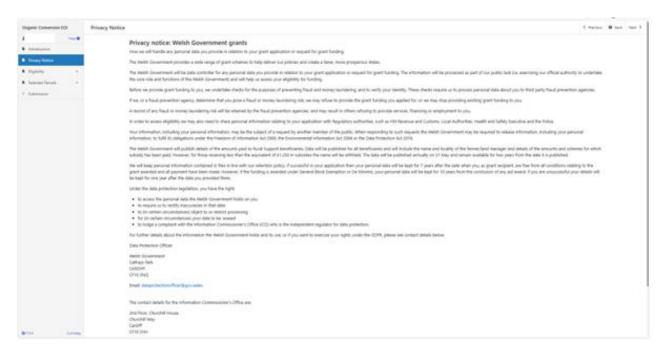


Once you have read and understood the Rules Booklet and Key Messages click **Next** to advance to the next screen of the Application.

# **Privacy Notice**

This screen details how the Welsh Government will handle information submitted as part of your Expression of Interest.

Please ensure you read and understand how your data will be used.



Once you have read the information click on the **Next Button**.

# **Eligibility Questions**

You must answer all questions on this page.

#### You are eligible to apply if:

- You are registered with the Welsh Government and have been issued with a Customer Reference Number (CRN). Please refer to the Welsh Government website for the how to register guidance or call the RPW Customer Contact Centre on 0300 062 5004
- You are a farmer carrying out the primary production of agricultural products
- You have 3ha of eligible agricultural land registered with RPW in Wales or
- You are able to demonstrate over 550 standard labour hours

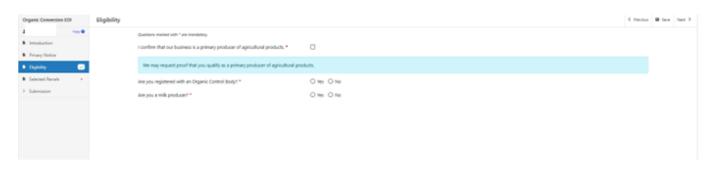
We will check if you have an eligible Basic Payment Scheme 2024 claim to verify if you are a primary producer of agricultural products and you have 3ha of eligible agricultural land in Wales.

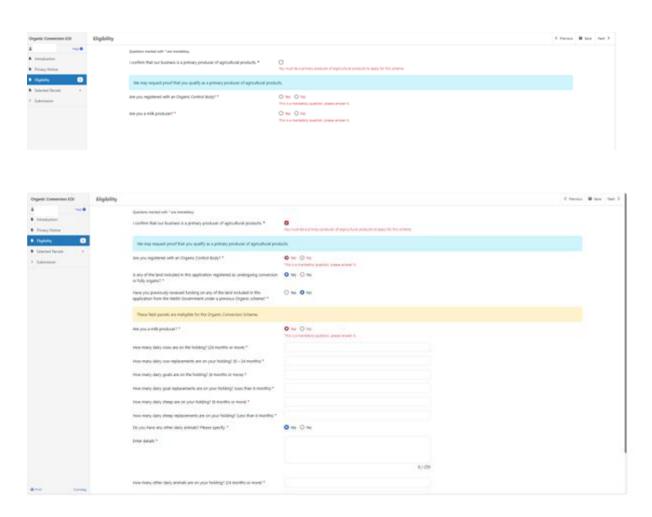
If you have not submitted a BPS claim or we are unable to verify the land, you must submit documentary evidence with your EoI to verify that you are a primary producer of agricultural products and that you meet either the 3ha or 550 standard labour hours' eligibility criteria.

Land entered into an Organic Conversion Scheme contract must be continuously certified with an Organic Control Body (OCB) for the 5-year duration of the contract, commencing 1 January 2026.

Existing organic producers can apply on land not currently certified as organic or not currently in conversion.

There are basic data integrity checks built into this page and any errors or information messages will appear once you either 'Save' or click 'Next'.





Once you have answered all the questions click on the **Next Button**.

#### **Selected Parcels**

You must have management control over the land.

Rented land is only eligible if you can guarantee continuous management control for the five-year term of the Organic Conversion Scheme Grant Award.

To be eligible to receive 2 years of conversion payments, a land parcel entered into the Organic Conversion Scheme Grant Award must have started conversion after the offer of an Organic Conversion Scheme Grant Award and before 1 January 2026.

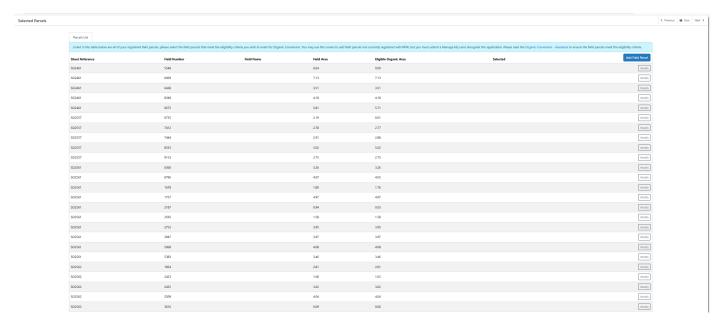
Only whole field parcels are eligible for an Organic Conversion Scheme Grant Award.

All field parcels must be located in Wales.

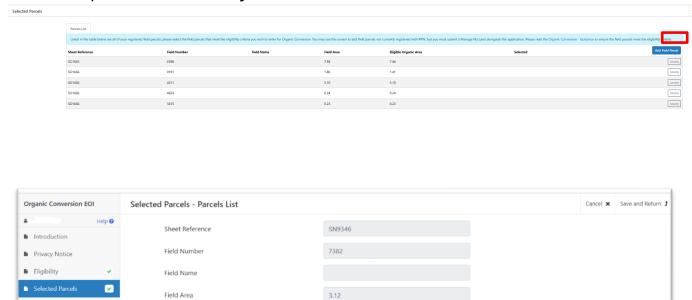
Only Common Land which is used for grazing and where you are the sole registered grazier shall be eligible for consideration for an Organic Conversion Scheme Grant Award.

Listed in the table are all your registered field parcels, please select the field parcels that meet the eligibility criteria you wish to enter for Organic Conversion. You may use this screen to add field parcels not currently registered with RPW, but you must submit a Manage My Land alongside this application. Please read the <a href="Organic Conversion - Guidance">Organic Conversion - Guidance</a> to ensure the field parcels meet the eligibility criteria.

You do not have to include all land on your holding for Organic conversion.



# To select a parcel click on Modify

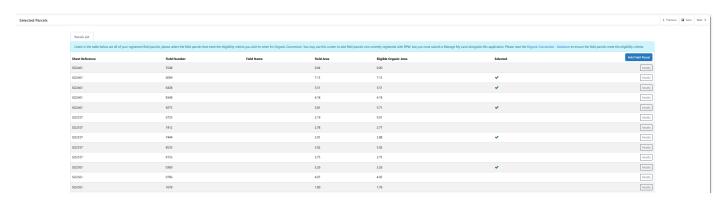


#### Click Save and Return

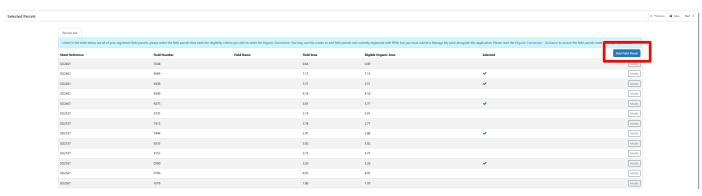
> Submission

The parcel will the show on screen with a tick

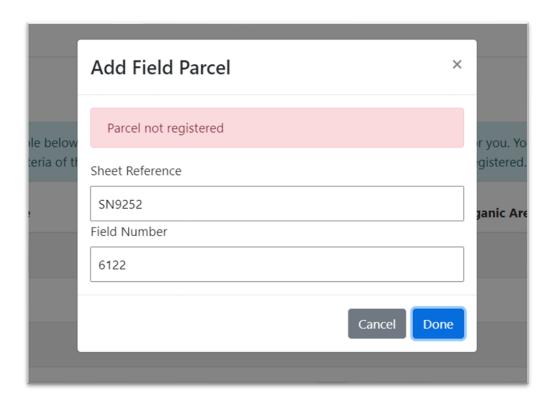
Eligible Organic Area



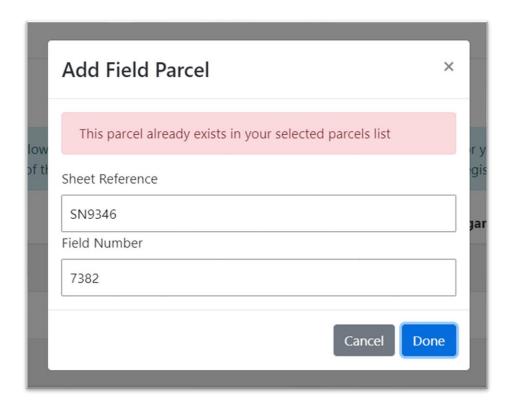
To add a field parcel click on the Add Field Parcel button.



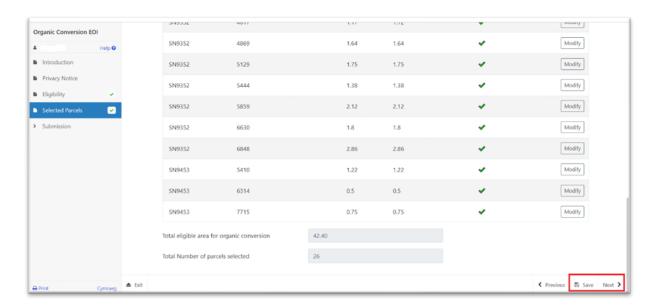
If you enter incorrect parcel details the following error will appear



If you enter a parcel that's already registered, then the following error message will appear



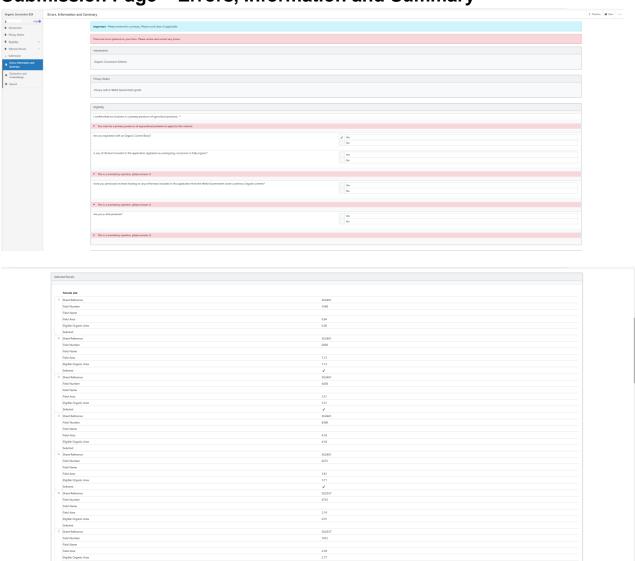
As you add and select parcels the running total of eligible area will show here along with the total number of parcels selected.



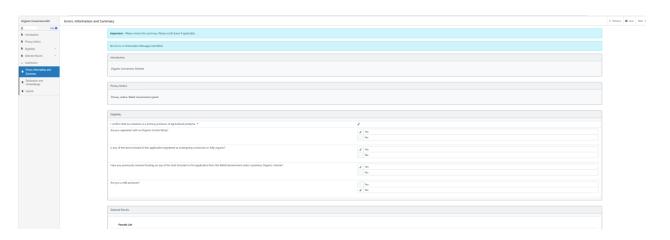
If you are adding or selecting parcels click on the **Save Button** to refresh the page to ensure that it displays the correct details. Once you have completed the parcel information click on the **Next Button**.

Once the EoI is submitted, you cannot amend the parcels you have selected.

# **Submission Page – Errors, Information and Summary**



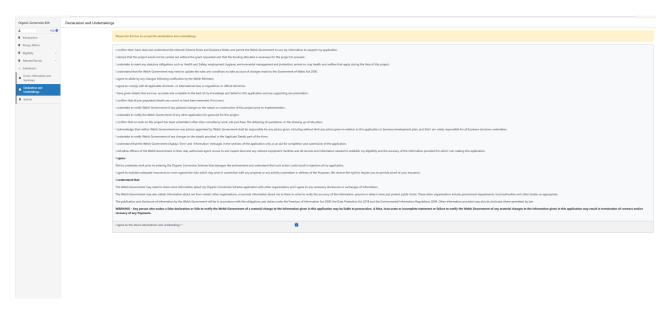
This gives a summary of the items you have selected and informs you of any errors or information messages on your application.



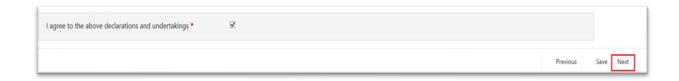
Once you have checked the summary and corrected any errors click on the **Next Button**.

# **Submission Page – and Undertakings Declarations**

You must read the Declarations and Undertakings and **tick** the box to confirm that you have read and agree them.

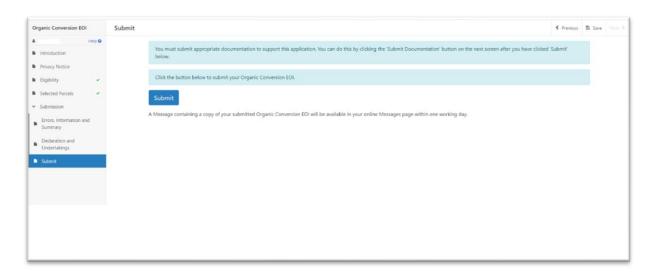


Once you have read and agreed the Declarations and Undertakings click on the **Next Button**.



### **Submission Page - Submit**

To submit your Organic Conversion Expression of Interest click on the **Submit Button**.



Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation which you can print for your own records.



Once the Eol is submitted, you cannot amend the items you have selected.

# **Following Successful Submission**

A summary of your completed Organic Conversion Scheme Expression of Interest will be added to the 'Messages' page on your RPW Online account under the title "Documents received by RPW". Ensure you check the information submitted thoroughly. If any of the information shown is incorrect, please reply to the Message detailing your concerns. You should do this as soon as you discover any incorrect information.

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# What happens next?

All eligible EoIs received by the Welsh Government will be considered for selection.

The selection process will analyse the potential for each Eols' ability to contribute to key environmental objectives of the Organic Conversion Scheme.

Please read the <u>Organic Conversion Scheme guidance</u> for further information on the selection and scoring process.

If you are offered a contract, you must accept or decline the offer within 30 calendar days of the date of the offer.

Once a contract has been offered, you cannot make any changes.

If you do not accept the contract within 30 calendar days, the contract offer will be withdrawn.

We will issue a reminder via your RPW Online account prior to the deadline date in your letter.

# Contacts RPW Online

Access the RPW Online service via the Government Gateway at www.gateway.gov.uk, or once you have enrolled for the RPW Online service, access it via www.wales.gov.uk/RPWOnline. If you are not yet registered with RPW Online, please refer to the Welsh Government website for the how to register guidance or call the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 062 5004.

# **Enquiries – Customer Contact Centre**

For all enquiries, please contact the <u>RPW Customer Contact Centre</u> Enquiries can be submitted via RPW Online at any time.

# Access to Welsh Government offices for people with disabilities or special needs

If you have any special needs which you feel are not met by our facilities contact the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 062 5004. Welsh Government officials will then endeavour to make arrangements to accommodate your requirements.

#### **Welsh Government Website**

For all of the latest Agricultural and Rural Affairs information, visit the Welsh Government website. By visiting the website, you can also sign up to receive the Gwlad e-news letter.