



**APPLICATION FORM
FOR
CATTLE AND SHEEP
2015/2016**



Please send completed application form with correct remittance to:
Quality Meat Scotland Assurance Schemes – Cattle & Sheep
West Edinburgh Business Park
6 Redheughs Rigg
South Gyle
Edinburgh
EH12 9DQ
Tel: 0131 335 6602 Fax: 0131 335 6601
Email: qms@acoura.com

Acoura Office

Office use:

Application review carried out by	Date

The undersigned wishes to apply for registration under the Acoura Certification Scheme operated on behalf of Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) Assurance Schemes – Cattle & Sheep. **Please note the application must be completed IN FULL including the declaration.**

BUSINESS DETAILS

Business Name:		
Address:		
		Postcode:
Tel:	Fax:	Mobile:
Email:		Business start up date:
CPH No:	Herd No:	Flock No:

CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS (if different from the above)

Contact Name:		
Address:		
		Postcode:
Tel:	Fax:	Mobile:
Email:		Where did you hear about the scheme:

Do you require a copy of the QMS Assurance Scheme–Cattle & Sheep Standards? YES/NO (Updated Nov 2014)

FARM ASSURANCE MEMBERSHIPS PAST AND PRESENT	
<p>Have you previously been a member of the QMS – Cattle & Sheep Scheme? (Previously FASL/SQBLA)? YES/NO If YES, what was your number?</p> <p>If other Certification Scheme please give details.....</p> <p>Are you a current member of any of the following Farm Assurance Schemes operated by Acoura? SQC No QMS Pigs No Fresh Produce No QMS Haulage No</p> <p>RTFA Dairy Scheme (First Purchaser No) Are you a registered crofter? YES/NO</p> <p>Does Acoura or any other company within the Acoura Group www.acoura.com currently provide you with services or certification? Yes/No – if yes please provide details:</p>	

[It is a condition of the Scheme that all applicants must sign the following declaration that they are aware of and will abide by the terms of the Scheme.](#)

DECLARATION

I (the undersigned) have read the requirements which pertain to the Acoura Certification Scheme operated on behalf of QMS. I am fully responsible for the production policy at the unit(s)/site(s) declared and I hereby wish to apply to join the QMS Assurance Scheme – Cattle & Sheep.

If accepted, I agree to abide by the conditions of membership as detailed in the Acoura Scheme Regulations and QMS Assurance Scheme – Cattle & Sheep Standards.

I declare that **I KNOW / DO NOT KNOW (please delete as appropriate and give details if relevant below)** of any current, past (within the last 5 years) or pending prosecutions relating to my business activities at the time of applying for membership of the scheme. Failure to provide any relevant information may result in refusal or termination of membership.

Details of any prosecutions within the last 5 years must be given below:
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I agree to abide by the terms of the scheme, undertake to inform Acoura immediately if, for whatever reason, the requirements of the scheme can no longer be conformed to. I will notify Acoura of any major changes to the company’s business or changes to products prior to these being put on the market.

I agree and understand that my membership details (membership number, business details and approved status) will be circulated to Auction Markets, Meat Plants/Processors and listed on the QMS website for the purpose of verification of the assurance status of my business and the Scotch eligibility status of my stock..

Signature Print Name

Date

If you are registered with BCMS please place your sticker(s) here:

Main Holding:

Other Holdings:

Address of any other unit/s where stock is kept in conjunction with this business:

Please tick

Address	Distance	CPH No	Grazings	Housing

Units which are over 15 miles from the main unit or units which are run as a separate business must be the subject of separate applications. Please contact the Farm Assurance office for an application pack or further information.

Your membership fee is based on the amount of stock marketed annually which is destined for the food chain.

Cattle = 1 QMS Livestock Unit

Sheep = 0.1 QMS Livestock Unit

1. Number of stock sold annually into food chain:

Store Cattle	
Finished Cattle	
Cast Cows (destined for food chain)	
Total	

Store Lambs	
Finished Lambs	
Total	

Example	
3 store cattle	= 3 units
70 finished lambs	= 7 units
5 Cast Cows	= 5 units
QMS LU = 15	Band 3

CHEQUE

Fees 14/15	QMS LU	Sub	VAT @ 20%	Total
Band 1	1 – 5	£37.98	£7.60	£45.58
Band 2	>5 – 10	£78.14	£15.63	£93.77
Band 3	>10 – 20	£109.68	£21.94	£131.62
Band 4	>20 - 45	£131.00	£26.20	£157.20
Band 5	>45 - 85	£144.65	£28.93	£173.58
Band 6	>85 - 150	£184.44	£36.89	£221.33
Band 7	>150 - 250	£195.37	£39.07	£234.44
Band 8	>250 - 350	£225.94	£45.19	£271.13
Band 9	> 350	£256.92	£51.38	£308.30

DIRECT DEBIT/BACS

Fees 14/15	QMS LU	Sub	VAT @ 20%	Total
Band 1	1 – 5	£36.29	£7.26	£43.55
Band 2	>5 – 10	£74.79	£14.96	£89.75
Band 3	>10 – 20	£105.48	£21.10	£126.58
Band 4	>20 - 45	£125.97	£25.19	£151.16
Band 5	>45 - 85	£138.44	£27.69	£166.13
Band 6	>85 - 150	£175.67	£35.13	£210.80
Band 7	>150 - 250	£186.07	£37.21	£223.28
Band 8	>250 - 350	£215.01	£43.00	£258.01
Band 9	> 350	£243.78	£48.76	£292.54

Additional stock numbers for information (breeding stock only):

Dairy Cows Beef Cows Ewes

Membership runs from 1 April to 31 March annually. Notification of membership renewal and details of next year's membership fee will be issued in advance of the year end.

There is also a QMS Cattle and Sheep crofting group scheme available for crofters who wish to be assured as part of a group. More details of scheme rules and fees are available by calling the QMS Cattle & Sheep scheme office on 0131 335 6602.

Discounts are available where QMS Cattle & Sheep assessments are combined with other schemes e.g. Scottish Quality Crops or Red Tractor Dairy schemes. More details of discounted fees are available by calling the QMS Cattle & Sheep scheme office on 0131 335 6602.

Cheques should be made payable to 'QMS'

Please complete all details and if paying by Direct Debit, Please complete the mandate overleaf. Return the whole form to the QMS Farm Assurance Office along with your payment.

A VAT receipt will be issued when payment has been received (if paying by Direct Debit this will be when funds are drawn).

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Please retain this section for your own records



Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit

Please fill in the whole form using a ball point pen and send it to:

Quality Meat Scotland
 Rural Centre
 Ingliston
 Newbridge
 Midlothian
 EH28 8NZ

Service user number

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Reference

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Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay Quality Meat Scotland Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with Quality Meat Scotland and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Bank/building society account number

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Branch sort code

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Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

To: The Manager	Bank/building society
Address	
Postcode	

Signature(s)

Date

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account

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 This guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee



- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit, Quality Meat Scotland will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Quality Meat Scotland to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by Quality Meat Scotland or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
 - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Quality Meat Scotland asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.