

To: Registered Merchants, Processors & Packers in Scotland,  
Licensed Seed Testing Stations in Scotland,  
Licensed Crop Inspectors, Licensed Seed Samplers,  
NFU (Scotland), SSTA, SSTGA, AIC (Scotland),  
BSPB, DARDNI, AFBI, FERA, Welsh Government,  
NIAB, SG, Interested Organisations

**Our ref:** Seed Cert EC 150

July 2017

## SEED CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

### THE SEEDS (FEES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 SSI 2017 No. 179

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a new Scottish Fees Regulation for seed certification that came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, and to provide you with details of these new fees.

Following a review of seed certification fees, the Scottish Government consulted with stakeholders in 2017 on fee increases together with the introduction of some new fees.

The new rates of fees are set out in the appendix to this letter. The old fees quoted in the Appendix are for comparison only. The new rates contained in these Regulations will be implemented with effect for invoices sent out by SASA for services after the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Also attached to this letter are the new fees for seed testing for seed certification at the OSTs for Scotland, which will also apply from the 1<sup>st</sup> July

A copy of The Seeds (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 can be viewed at:

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2017/179/pdfs/ssi\\_20170179\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2017/179/pdfs/ssi_20170179_en.pdf)

If you have any queries concerning seed certification fees, please do not hesitate to contact me, or if you wish to discuss fees related to seed testing, please contact Valerie Cockerell at the OSTs (Tel: 0131 244 8900; e-mail: Valerie.Cockerell@sasa.gsi.gov.uk).

## MYSEEDS

SASA has developed a new database SEEDS, which combines seed testing and seed certification data. As part of the development, SASA also launched a customer facing portal called MySEEDS, which allows certification applicants, to enter seed lots, crops, view seed test results and other functions online.

As outlined in appendix 1 the Scottish Government has decided that fees for online applications should be lower than those for paper applications. If you are interested in using "MySEEDS", or want further details on "MySEEDS", please contact [cereals.myseeds@sasa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cereals.myseeds@sasa.gsi.gov.uk)



## SEED CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Scottish Government will be running a series of workshops in Autumn 2017 to provide the seed industry a clear insight into the current practises for seed certification, including licensed activities and their official supervision. The workshops will also include some of SG thoughts on possible alternative procedures including how these activities are paid for, and we would like your feedback, as well as your thoughts for seed certification and licensing activities post Brexit. Look out for further details on times and venues shortly.

Yours sincerely



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**CERTIFICATION FEES****1. CROP ENTRY FEES**

<b>Initial Fees</b>	<b>Fee Payable per Hectare or any Part Thereof</b>	
	<b>New Fee</b>	<b>Old Fee</b>
(i). Crops to produce Pre-basic seed and Basic seed	<b>£29.60 (online applications)</b> <b>£30.13 (other applications)</b>	£29.60
(ii). Crops to produce Certified Seed, Certified seed of the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation	<b>£4.25 (online applications)</b> <b>£4.33 (other applications)</b>	£4.25
(iii) Late receipt of application	<b>£29.52 per crop</b>	£29.00 per crop
(iv) Reduced fee where crops are withdrawn prior to arrangements being made for the inspection	<b>£2.80</b>	£2.75
<b>Crop Inspection Fees</b>	<b>Fee Payable per Hectare or any Part Thereof</b>	
	<b>New Fee</b>	<b>Old Fee</b>
i). Pre-basic seed, Basic seed, Certified seed, Certified seed of the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation	<b>£19.14</b>	£18.80
(ii) Hybrids of swede rape	<b>£57.42</b>	£56.40
(ii). Re-inspection for other than stated below	<b>£19.14</b>	£18.80
(a). Re-inspection: wild oats	<b>£8.81</b>	£8.65
(b). Re-inspection: isolation	<b>£3.46</b>	£3.40
(c) Re-inspection: lodging	<b>£7.79</b>	£7.65
(iii) Per crop: authentication of seed lot if not available at inspection	<b>£7.79</b>	£7.65
(iv) Crop Inspection fee where the official post control plot has produced an unsatisfactory result	<b>£19.14</b>	£18.80
(v) Late transfer of crops from licensed inspection to official	<b>£29.52</b>	£29.00 per crop

**2. SEED LOT FEES** excluding seed testing fees

<b>For the Issue of an Official Certificate for Seed Lots entered as:</b>	<b>Fee Payable per Certificate</b>	
	<b>New Fee</b>	<b>Old Fee</b>
(i). All Multiplication Categories	<b>£85.00 (online applications)</b> <b>£86.53 (other applications)</b>	£85.00
(ii). All Final Generation Categories	<b>£33.00 (online applications)</b> <b>£33.59 (other applications)</b>	£33.00
(iii). Sampling: official sampling or re-sampling	<b>£51.02</b>	£50.12
(iv). OECD Certificate	<b>£25.45</b>	£25.00
<b>Fee payable for whole, or each part of Seed Lots that are regraded</b>		
(i). Pre-basic seed, Basic seed, Certified seed and Certified seed of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Generation	<b>£35.63</b>	£35.00
(ii). Certified seed of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation	<b>£17.76</b>	£17.45
<b>Higher Voluntary Standard (HVS) Fee</b>		
Verification that a seed lot meets the HVS requirements	<b>£7.13 per seed lot</b>	£7.00 per seed lot

### 3. OFFICIAL LABEL FEES issue and printing of Pre-Basic, Breeders Confirmation and Seed for Export

Label Type	Fee Payable per Seed Lot	
	New Fee	Old Fee
Tyvek Tear Resistant	£41.23	£40.50
Self Adhesive	£28.50	£28.00

### 4 TRAINING COURSES

Course	Cost	
	New Fee	Old Fee
Crop Inspectors	£629.12	£618
Crop Inspectors Test		
(i) 1 Species	£36.24	£35.60
(ii) 2 Species	£72.48	£71.20
(iii) 3 Species	£98.44	£96.70
Sampling Course (administrative and sampling elements)	£422.47	£415
Sampling Course (administrative elements only)	£126.74	£124.50
Re-examination fee for samplers with sampling function enabled	£36.95	£36.30
Re-examination fee for samplers with sampling function not enabled	£10.59	£10.40
<b>Seed Analyst Courses and Examination</b>		
(i) Laboratory Management Course Registration	£1112.67	£1093
(ii) Laboratory Management Course Attendance (per day or part day)	£419.42	£412
(iii) Analyst Course Registration	£1841.56	£1809
(iv) Analyst Course additional and retake divisions (per division)	£179.17	£176
(v) Analyst Course attendance (Per day or part day)	£419.42	£412
(vi) Analyst Course examination (Per day or part day)	£419.42	£412
(vi) Tetrazolium Testing Course attendance (per day or part day)	£433.67	£426
(vii) Tetrazolium Testing Course Examination (per day or part day)	£433.67	£426

### 5. REPRESENTATIONS

Representations by, and hearings of, a seed merchant, processor or packer, licensed crop inspector, licensed seed sampler or personnel pertaining to a Licensed Seed Testing Station	Cost	
	New Fee	Old Fee
Making written representations to the Scottish Ministers	On making representations £33.95	£33.95
Being heard by a person appointed by the Scottish Ministers	On applying to be heard £67.95	£67.95

### 6. LICENSED SEED TESTING STATIONS

Licensed Seed Testing Stations	Cost	
	New Fee	Old Fee
Annual fee	£1650	£1650
Throughput fee per examination	£7.50	£7.50



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## OFFICIAL SEED TESTING STATION FOR SCOTLAND

### Certification Seed Testing Fees 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

#### FEES CHARGED BY THE OFFICIAL SEED TESTING STATION FOR SCOTLAND FOR SEED TESTING

CEREALS	Fee Ex VAT (£)	
	EU	HVS*
<b>Fee for an official examination of seed for:</b>		
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number and germination).	56.09	69.91
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, germination and moisture content).	59.69	74.14
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number and moisture content).	41.09	52.29
<b>Certification by STZ</b>		
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 100 seed STZ).	56.97	70.87
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 100 seed STZ and moisture content).	60.66	75.01
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 100 seed STZ followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met).	78.49	92.40
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 100 seed STZ followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met and moisture content).	82.18	96.54
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 200 seed STZ).	74.90	91.53
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 200 seed STZ and moisture content)	78.48	95.77
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 200 seed STZ followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met).	96.42	113.06

\* HVS for wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat, barley, oats and red oat.

Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 200 seed STZ followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met and moisture content).	100.01	117.30
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Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 400 seed STZ)	113.27	135.67
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**Fee for an official examination of seed for:**

	<u>EU</u>	<u>HVS*</u>
Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 400 seed STZ and moisture content).	116.87	139.80

Certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 400 seed STZ followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met).	134.79	157.19
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EU certification tests (analytical purity, determination of other seeds by number, 400 seed STZ followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met and moisture content).	138.39	161.32
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**HVS Verification**

A search of an EU certified sample for designated species to assess compliance with Higher Voluntary standards (HVS) standard for wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat, barley and oats and red oat.	45.77	-
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**Fee for individual or additional tests**

100 seed STZ test on a certification sample.	31.96	31.96
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100 seed STZ test on a certification sample followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met.	53.49	53.49
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200 seed STZ test on a certification sample.	61.31	61.31
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200 seed STZ test on a certification sample followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met.	82.83	82.83
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400 seed STZ test on a certification sample.	123.92	123.92
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400 seed STZ test on a certification sample followed by a germination test when the STZ result does not remove doubt as to whether the germination standard will be met.	132.40	132.40
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An analytical purity test on a certification sample.	25.99	25.99
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An analytical purity test and a moisture content test on a certification sample.	30.55	30.55
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An additional 2kg seed search for wild oats on a certification sample	84.58	84.58
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\* HVS for wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat, barley, oats and red oat.

CEREALS	Fee Ex VAT (£)	
Fee for an official examination of certified seed for loose smut infection of wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat and barley (per thousand embryos examined).	51.42	51.42

CEREALS	Fee Ex VAT (£)	
	<u>EU</u>	<u>HVS</u>
Moisture content test only on certification sample.	5.87	5.87
Germination test only on certification sample.	30.55	30.55
<b>** Fee for provision of an International Certificate</b>		
Orange International Certificate (including sampling).	68.20	68.20
Orange International Certificate.	16.31	16.31
Blue International Certificate.	16.31	16.31

FODDER	Fee Ex VAT (£)	
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**Fees for an official examination of seed for:-**

Analytical purity, germination and determination of other seeds by number of:

(a) grasses, except timothy	103.60
(b) timothy	76.96
(c) large seeded legumes	59.57
(d) small seeded legumes	72.30
(e) brassicas	78.39
Bitter Lupin Test.	44.35

**HVS Verification**

Fee for a search for designated species to assess compliance with HVS standards for appropriate species	45.77
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**\*\* Fee for provision of an International Certificate**

Orange International Certificate (including sampling).	68.20
Orange International Certificate	16.31
Blue International Certificate	16.31

\* HVS for wheat, durum wheat, spelt wheat, barley, oats and red oat  
 \*\* Testing charged separately

OIL AND FIBRE PLANT SEEDS	Fee Ex VAT (£)
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**Fees for an official examination of seed for:-**

Analytical purity, germination and determination of other seeds by number, of <b>sunflower, linseed, flax, soya bean and hemp.</b>	65.77
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Analytical purity, germination and determination of other seeds by number of <b>Brassica</b> species.	78.39
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**Seed-borne Disease Tests**

Sunflowers for <i>Botrytis</i> spp.	60.22
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**Flax and linseed for –**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <i>Alternaria</i> spp.</li> <li>(b) <i>Phoma exigua</i> var. <i>linicola</i> (<i>Ascochyta linicola</i>).</li> <li>(c) <i>Colletotrichum lini</i></li> <li>(d) <i>Fusarium</i> spp.</li> <li>(e) <i>Botrytis</i> spp.</li> </ul>	}	49.46
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**Soya bean for *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *glycinea* spp. –**

(a) for one sub-sample test.	86.32
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(b) for five sub-sample tests.	287.64
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<b>Soya bean for <i>Diaporthe phaselorum</i> spp.</b>	53.92
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**\*\* Fee for provision of an International Certificate**

Orange International Certificate (including sampling).	68.20
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Orange International Certificate.	16.31
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Blue International Certificate.	16.31
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\*\* Testing charged separately

BEET SEEDS	Fee Ex VAT (£)
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**Fee for an official examination of seed for:-**

Analytical purity, germination and determination of other seeds by number.	69.03
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Includes: Number of seedlings germinating from a cluster in monogerm and precision seeds.



<b>BEET SEEDS</b>		<b>Fee Ex VAT (£)</b>
<b>** Fee for provision of International Certificates</b>		
Orange International Certificate (including sampling).		68.20
Orange International Certificate		16.31
Blue International Certificate.		16.31

<b>VEGETABLE SEEDS</b>		<b>Fee Ex VAT (£)</b>
<b>Fee for an official examination of seed for:-</b>		
Analytical purity, germination and determination of other seeds by number.		59.57
<b>** Fee for provision of International Certificates</b>		
Orange International Certificate (including sampling).		68.20
Orange International Certificate		16.31
Blue International Certificate.		16.31

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\*\* Testing charged separately

*All prices are exclusive of VAT. An account is sent out after completion of tests.*

The Scottish Ministers have authorised the use of Section 24 (4) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964, to permit the OSTs to charge for the above statutory services, along with any advisory or seed related work that they undertake.

A copy of the OSTs fees can be viewed at:

[https://www.sasa.gov.uk/sites/default/files/TLP021211%20%28OSTS%20Certification%20Fees%209\\_1.pdf](https://www.sasa.gov.uk/sites/default/files/TLP021211%20%28OSTS%20Certification%20Fees%209_1.pdf)