



Application Form



2026 Cattle & Sheep Crofting Group



Please send the completed application form to the below:

Food Integrity Assurance (FIA Ltd)
Rural Centre
West Mains
Ingliston
Edinburgh
EH28 8NZ

Tel 0131 609 0558

Email: info@foodassurance.co.uk

For office use only:		
Application review carried out by	Date	Undertake requested Certification work (if no, record reason)
		Yes/No
QMS Cattle & Sheep Assurance Scheme	Issue 2	March 2026

The under noted wishes to apply for registration with Food Integrity Assurance (FIA) Ltd who operate the Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) Cattle and Sheep Assurance Scheme on behalf of Quality Meat Scotland (QMS). Please note the application must be completed IN FULL including a valid email address and the declaration. Your application will be processed on receipt of payment.

BUSINESS DETAILS

Group Business Name:	
Address:	
	Postcode:
Membership Number (if joining a current group membership)	
Tel:	Mobile:
Email:	Business startup date:

CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS (if different from the above)

Group Contact Name:	
Address:	
	Postcode:
Tel:	Mobile:
Email:	Where did you hear about the Scheme?

It is a condition of the Scheme that all applicants sign the following declarations to confirm that they are aware of and will abide by the Terms of the Scheme.

DECLARATION.

I (the undersigned) have read the requirements of the QMS Cattle and Sheep Scheme and the QMS Membership Rules. I am fully responsible for the production policy at the unit(s)/sites(s) declared above and hereby wish to apply to join the Scheme. If accepted, I agree to abide by the conditions of membership as detailed in the Membership Rules and also FIA Ltd's Certification Rules and Regulations in relation to the assessment and certification process.

I declare that I **KNOW /DO NOT KNOW** (please delete as appropriate and provide 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 or on a separate page:

I agree to abide by the terms of the scheme, and undertake to inform FIA immediately if, for whatever reason, the requirements of the scheme can no longer be conformed to. I will notify FIA of any major changes to the company's business or changes to products prior to these being put on the market.

I agree that the unit(s) will be assessed by a FIA assessor appointed to the scheme and understand that, for the effective running of the Assurance Scheme, it will be necessary for QMS to circulate my membership details (membership number and business details as provided on this application form) to Auction Markets and Meat Plants/Processors, and to list the same on the QMS website for the purpose of verification of the assurance status of my business and the Scotch eligibility status of my livestock.

Signature:..... Print Name:..... Date:.....

Signed on behalf of/Position

Please complete the table overleaf with details of all group members. (Please note that the signature of each group member is required before any application will be processed). Your group membership fee is calculated by totaling the number of livestock units from all crofts within the group.

The livestock units are based on store and finished cattle and sheep only (do not include any breeding stock).

CROFTING GROUP MEMBERS (between 2 and a maximum of 5, including group contact if applicable)

Crofter applicants are those who are registered crofters or eligible to apply for crofting grants.

Please note that individual crofters with more than 110 livestock units may not apply for group membership.

QMS Livestock Units (LU): Cattle (1 animal = 1 QMS LU) Sheep (1 animal = 0.1 QMS LU)

GROUP MEMBERS								
Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number and Primary CPH Number		Number of cattle - 1 LU			Number of sheep - 0.1 LU		*Do you have any past or current prosecutions relating to your business at the time of applying for membership?	Signature
		Store	Finished	Cast cows	Store	Finished		
							Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
							Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
							Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
							Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
							Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Total						Date:	

***details of past prosecutions within the last 5 years must be supplied on a separate sheet.**

For Cattle, ScotEID only recognises your main (primary) holding number as providing an SPE status on an animal. If you use "additional holdings" for grazing or wintering, ensure you register with ScotMoves for within business moves as they do not require to be recorded on passports. Calves born on additional holdings can be tagged with your main herd mark.

To set up a ScotMoves account email help@scoteid.com

A crofting group must consist of between **2 and 5 members**.

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

CARD

Fees	QMS LU	Sub	Vat @ 20%	Total
Band 1	1 – 5	£48.01	£9.60	£57.61
Band 2	>5 - 10	£98.76	£19.75	£118.51
Band 3	>10 - 20	£138.61	£27.72	£166.33
Band 4	>20 – 45	£165.55	£33.11	£198.66
Band 5	>45 – 85	£182.80	£36.56	£219.36
Band 6	>85 - 150	£233.08	£46.62	£279.70
Band 7	>150 – 250	£246.91	£49.38	£296.29
Band 8	>250 – 350	£285.53	£57.11	£342.63
Band 9	>350	£324.68	£64.94	£389.61

DIRECT DEBIT/BACS

Fees	QMS LU	Sub	Vat @ 20%	Total
Band 1	1 – 5	£45.86	£9.17	£55.03
Band 2	>5 - 10	£94.52	£18.90	£113.42
Band 3	>10 - 20	£133.29	£26.66	£159.95
Band 4	>20 – 45	£159.20	£31.84	£191.05
Band 5	>45 – 85	£174.97	£34.99	£209.97
Band 6	>85 - 150	£222.01	£44.40	£266.41
Band 7	>150 – 250	£235.15	£47.03	£282.18
Band 8	>250 – 350	£271.72	£54.34	£326.07
Band 9	>350	£308.09	£61.62	£369.71

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.

Please be aware that where a revisit or spot check is deemed necessary, FIA may charge for this visit.

Please complete all details and if paying by Direct Debit, please complete the mandate overleaf. Return the whole form to FIA along with your payment.

Should you wish to pay by BACS please quote your membership number or business name as a reference.

Bank: Bank of Scotland

Sort Code: 80-02-78

Account Number: 00793667

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

Please Note: An assessment must be accommodated within 90 days from date of payment, failure to accommodate an assessment within this time frame will result in re-application to the scheme. You must have stock to be able to be assessed.

Please retain this section for your own records.

Please consider if you need to print this form, QMS are committed to sustainability; avoiding printing documents saves energy, physical resources, and waste.



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

Name of account holder	Service User Number					
	8	0	0	3	3	5

Bank/Building Society account number	Reference (please insert your membership no)

Branch sort code

Name and full postal Address of your Bank/Building Society

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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.

Signature
Date

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

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.

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