

# Introduction and updates

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**This guidance is effective from 1 January, 2020.**

This guidance provides details on the three Greening elements of the Common Agricultural Policy and should be read in conjunction with the guidance for the Basic Payment Scheme and Cross Compliance.

- [Basic Payment Scheme](#)
- [Cross Compliance](#)

Please ensure that you read all the relevant elements of this updated guidance ([including the annexes](#)) if you are intending to apply under the Basic Payment Scheme.

## **Scheme and other changes for 2020**

There are no new requirements but be aware that Crop Diversification rules will apply for 2020.

o Clarification of EFA Margin requirements – You must not use to store materials or use for regular access.

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