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## APHA Briefing Note 13/22

# Movement Assistance Scheme: Costs related to Scrapie Qualifying Status reimbursed

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## Purpose

To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) and other certifiers that the [Movement Assistance Scheme \(MAS\)](#) has been expanded to bring the costs of Scrapie Qualifying Status (SQS) into the Scheme.

## Background

Defra developed MAS in 2020 to provide support to traders moving agri-food commodities and live animals from GB to NI, who faced new requirements on 1 January 2021 under the NI Protocol.

MAS has now been expanded to bring the costs of Scrapie Qualifying Status (SQS) into the Scheme. The costs include:

- Annual membership fee paid to SRUC (Scotland's Rural College), usually paid by traders, waived from 1 January 2022 (no fees have been taken since 1 January 2022)
- From 1 April 2022, cost of providing annual flock inspection (reimbursed to Official Veterinarian), capped at £150 excluding VAT. The invoice must include OV number and flock inspection number.
- From 1 April 2022 costs associated with fallen stock (reimbursed to trader), including scrapie testing of fallen stock, carcass collection and carcass disposal up to a cap of £150 excluding VAT.

## Action

OVs should invoice the APHA finance department at [ServiceDeliveryVetandExportInvoices@apha.gov.uk](mailto:ServiceDeliveryVetandExportInvoices@apha.gov.uk), not traders, for annual flock inspections completed on or after 1 April 2022 for movements of live animals from GB to NI.

## Further Information

More details of this scheme expansion are included in a MAS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document stored on the [GB-NI Trader Showcase site](#).