

TAMS II Farm Development Programme

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The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) administered Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS II) forms part of the Rural Development Programme 2014 to 2020 and is jointly funded by the European Union and the National Exchequer. The scheme is designed to deliver the modernisation of farm infrastructure and equipment and covers all farming sectors.

The schemes involved in TAMS II are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1:

TAMS II Schemes
Animal Welfare Safety and Nutrient Storage (AWSNS)
Dairy Equipment Scheme (DES)
Low Emission Slurry Spreading (LESS)
Organic Capital Investment Scheme (OCIS)
Pig and Poultry Investment Scheme (PPIS)
Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme (YFCIS)
Tillage Capital Investment Scheme (TCIS)

TAMS II was launched in May 2015 and will be closed on 31st December 2020, a period of 68 months. The scheme is in operation for 36 months up to April 2018 which equates to 53% of the time scale to be covered by TAMS II.

TAMS II Tranches

The TAMS II application process is divided into tranches which are usually 3 months duration. This allows the DAFM to budget the allocation of funds over the 6 years. Applications are assessed after the closing date for each tranche. Ranking of applications takes place on a tranche basis. Unsuccessful eligible applications are carried over to the following tranche.

TAMS II Grant Rates

The maximum investment ceiling is €80,000 per holding and the minimum investment eligible is €2,000 per application. The rate of grant is 40%. The investment ceiling is raised to €160,000 for DAFM registered farm partnerships.

The rate of grant aid is increased to 60% for qualified young farmers less than 40 years of age. These applications are submitted under the 'Young Farmers Capital Investment Scheme'.

Applications for this Scheme may only be accepted from:

- Individuals farming in their own right i.e. with their own herd number,
- Companies where one of the directors is an eligible young farmer, or
- Groups of persons that have formed a partnership recorded on this Department's Register of Farm Partnerships.

A maximum grant aid of €40,000 (€60,000 for partnerships) under the Low Emission Slurry Spreading scheme is independent of the €80,000 in the other schemes.

TAMS II Application Procedure

If you are thinking of carrying out some development work on your farm then you should contact your local advisor for some guidance and advice on the plan. Consideration should be carefully given to the design, size, location, cost and compliance with regulations and DAFM specifications of the proposed development.

Once you have a clear idea of what you want to build then you need to contact a draughtsperson or engineer to prepare the drawings and apply to the County Council for planning permission or planning exemption.

On receipt of grant of final planning permission (C3) then the application is ready for submission to the DAFM. All applications must be submitted on line. Approval can take between 2 to 5 months to receive. Work on construction CANNOT commence until approval has been received as the DAFM will not grant aid work completed prior to approval.

TAMS II Claims

Completion Dates

Applications submitted from 14th January 2017 must be completed and claims must be submitted within six months of approval in the case of certain equipment and 12 months in the case of structures and fixed equipment from the date of issue of approval or by a date specified in the letter of approval, whichever is earlier.

Claims submitted 1 to 25 working days late are subject to a 1% reduction in grant aid per day. Claims submitted after 25 working days late are subject to a 100% reduction in grant aid.

A recent change to investments under the 'Low Emission Slurry Spreading Equipment Scheme' has allowed an increase for all works to be completed and claims to be submitted from within 6 months to within 12 months from the date of issue of approval.

Deposits after Application Submission

A further change to TAMS II Terms and Conditions allows deposits/expenditure paid on or after the date of submission of an application to be considered as eligible expenditure. Any expenditure spent or investment work started/delivered before the date of submission of an application is ineligible. Installation or construction of an investment cannot commence until written approval has been issued to the applicant(s).

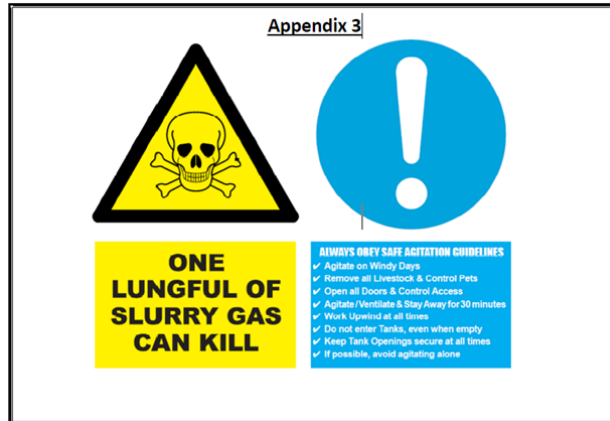
Payment Process

The Charter of Farmers Rights for TAMS II outlines that payment will issue when it has been determined that the work has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the scheme. Approval for payment will be within 2 months following the receipt of the claim for payment (including valid supporting documents) and the completion of investments in accordance to specifications. Payment will issue within 3 weeks of approval for payment.

TAMS II Notices

Safety Notice for All New Agitation points.

A safety notice must be securely fixed beside every new agitation point. The notice should be as close to the agitation point as possible. A typical agitation point safety notice is shown.



TAMS II Plaque

Where the total TAMS II grant aid exceeds €50,000, the applicant must affix a permanent plaque with the EU Logo to the grant aided investment visible to the public. The text on the plaque must contain the phrase –‘The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas and containing information about the project’.



Teagasc TAMS II Planning Service

The Teagasc TAMS II Planning Service is available to clients on Teagasc Core Contracts. This work requires great precision to ensure that the TAMS II Application and Claim comply with the Terms and Conditions of each scheme and that the DAFM building specifications are followed as the on farm development progresses.

Contact your local Teagasc office or Adviser for further details.