

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) are currently updating the Rural Land Register (RLR) which was based on the 2001 Ordnance Survey Master Map (OSMM). To do this, RPA is using a combination of OSMM 2008, aerial photography and satellite imagery. This work will result in an updated RLR that more accurately represents the true position on the ground.

The updated RLR will come into effect in early 2010 and the mapping information will be used for Single Payment Scheme (SPS) and Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) schemes, such as the English woodland Grant Scheme (EWGS).

Updating the RLR involves sending land managers maps of their holdings and asking them to confirm that these are correct or to send us any changes that are required. Anyone in England who claims for the SPS and other schemes administered by Natural England and the Forestry Commission will receive new maps. There are land managers who won't have, and will not be sent new maps.

For example:

- land managers who did not claim Single Payment Scheme in 2008 or 2009, and
- land managers who are not in a current agri-environment scheme or woodland scheme, or
- a landowner with a tenant who is claiming on their land - the tenant will be sent the maps for that land.

RPA will send updated maps to land managers who's land is being remote sensed or physically inspected after the inspections have been completed. If land managers need to make any changes to the RLR after they receive their maps they should contact RPA. RPA have written to land managers who have land holdings subject to physical or remote sensing inspections to explain the process for their new mapping update maps.

What to do when you receive your Mapping Update Map Pack

If you have land registered on the RLR you should by now have received an updated map from RPA. Your new map(s) shows any adjustments that have been made to the land you claim for. Please check your maps and either agree they are correct or make changes within 28 days of the date printed on your map pack covering letter.

If you have not yet received your new maps, and do not fall into one of the categories listed above, please contact RPA now.

How do I agree or make changes to my map(s)?

You can agree the updated maps by either posting or faxing the reply form to RPA, sending a text or calling an automated phone line (details are provided with the maps you received).

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To request changes to your maps, mark the changes directly on the map and complete the enclosed. These forms should then be returned to RPA using the pre-paid envelope provided in your map pack.

Please make every effort to send RPA details of any changes you wish to make within 28 days of the date printed on your map pack covering letter. If you want to make changes after 28 days, please send them to RPA as soon as possible. RPA will do their best to make sure the changes you have asked for are taken into account in your 2010 SPS application form but they cannot guarantee this where changes are made after the 28 day period.

Need more information?

Please see the [RPA Mapping Update](#) webpage, or call the RLR helpline via the RPA Customer Service Centre on 0845 603 7777

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