



**Q4 What amendments will I be able to request?**

**A4** During the relevant window for requesting amendments you will be able to request your agreement is amended to:

- add or remove a land parcel;
- add or remove a standard; and
- increase or decrease the ambition level for a standard.

**Q5 When will the amendment take effect?**

**A5** If accepted,

*For example, for an agreement starting 1 January 2022 any approved amendments will apply from 1 January 2023 for the remaining two years of the agreement.*

**Q6 If my amendment request is accepted, will I have to sign up to an amended agreement?**

**A6** RPA may have to provide you with an amended agreement that reflects the amendment(s) you have requested to sign, but RPA will try to avoid doing this wherever possible.

**Q7 If I request that my agreement is amended, will the duration of my agreement change?**

**A7** No. Your SFI pilot agreement will still last for 3 years from its original start date.

**Q8 What should I do if something changes outside of my amendment window?**

**A8** You need to tell RPA as soon as reasonably possible if there is a change in your circumstances after your agreement starts.

**Submitting your annual declaration****Q9 Will I have to submit an annual declaration?**

**A9** Yes. Through Rural Payments service you must submit an online annual declaration each year for the duration of your SFI pilot agreement to confirm the progress you have made.

**Q10 When will I need to submit my annual declaration?**

**A10** RPA will tell you when your annual declaration is due. Your first annual declaration will be due 10 months after your agreement starts.

*For example, if your agreement started on 1 November 2021, your first annual declaration will be due by 31 August 2022.*

Your next annual declaration will be due 12 months after that, with the final annual declaration due at the end of your agreement term.

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**Q15 - Why have payment rates been changed?**

**A15 -** Payment rates have been changed to align with the outcome of the Countryside Stewardship payment rate review. These new payment rates will apply from the start of your SFI agreement. The new payment rates can be found in the Annex.

**Q16 Will Defra review**





