



National Breeding Services:

Scheme FAQs

Breeding Schemes & Initiatives are funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine under National Breeding Services.

When do the schemes open and close

Schemes will open on a seasonal basis. Please see individual schemes for specific closing dates.

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to make themselves aware of the specific closing dates & deadlines for each scheme. HSI will not be responsible for non-payment due to missed closing dates.

What do I need when applying

You will need the following:

For all Schemes:

- The registered owner's details (name, phone number, email, address)
- The registered owner's bank details (**IBAN** and **name on bank account**)
- The horse's details (**name, UELN, microchip, sex, YOB, sire, dam and damsire**)
- **Equine Operator Profile** (Click for guide) or EEN (if resident of NI)

Scheme specific- please revert to individual scheme T&Cs:

Starting, Schooling and Premium Retention Schemes:

- Producer details (name, email, phone number, address)

Schooling 2 and Premium Retention Schemes:

- Verified damline performance details
- Inspection results

Embryo Transfer, X-Ray and Health Screening Schemes:

- Chosen Veterinary Clinic as per the information note(s)



How do I apply

Go to the HSI website and click into the National Breeding Services [schemes homepage](#). You can click on individual schemes to access the application forms. You can also add your email to be notified of any future schemes or Initiatives under National Breeding Services.

Is my horse eligible?

Horses must be:

- In the correct ownership
- The correct age and sex for specific schemes (please see individual schemes for age and sex criteria).
- Registered in a studbook, with a breed code recorded
- Sired by a stallion approved with a [DAFM](#) or [WBFSH](#) Studbook (please see individual schemes for sire and damline criteria).
- If horse is foreign bred: Endorsed in a [DAFM studbook](#)
- In some cases, applicants will need to provide performance and or inspection detail.

PLEASE NOTE: To ensure that schemes operate on a first come first term basis; applications where the above is not in order cannot be approved. Should the applicant update their/horse's details thereafter, a new application will need to be submitted.



Embryo Transfer, Health Screening and X-Ray Schemes

I have been approved for a scheme. When can the X-rays/swabs/ET be taken?

- Vet services can only be completed between scheme opening date and closing date.
- Applicants must engage with producers/vets themselves to arrange appointments and dates.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring all requirements under the scheme are completed by the required date.
- Failure to do will require removal from the scheme.

What do I need in my invoice? (Not applicable to X-Ray applicants)

Grant payments are made in respect of costs already incurred. Invoices (marked with proof of payment) **must** include the following:

- Name and address of person receiving invoice (owner)
- Name and address of person giving invoice (producer/ Vet Clinic etc.)
- Date of Invoice (must be dated within scheme dates)
- Invoice Number
- Name and UELN/Microchip of equine the invoice refers to, which must be the same as the approved equine for the scheme
- Description of services provided (schooling/livery, ET, X-Rays etc)
- A total figure for the invoice, provided in €
- **Proof of Payment-** invoices not marked as paid or accompanied by proof of payment are not accepted.
- Only a physical, PDF or scanned copy of paid invoice will be accepted, photographs of invoices will not be accepted.

Invoices without the required detail cannot be accepted.



Starting, Schooling Schemes and Geotagging

I have been approved for a scheme. When can the training be completed?

- Training can only be completed between scheme opening date and closing date.
- Training must commence within 10 working days after acceptance date.
- Applicants must engage with producers themselves to arrange appointments and dates.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring all requirements under the scheme are completed by the required date. Failure to do so will mean expulsion from the scheme.

Is taking geotagged training videos compulsory?

Yes taking Geotagged videos for the training is compulsory.

Videos that are not geotagged with not be accepted for these schemes.

This app is recommended: '[Timestamp Camera Basic](#)'

- HSI accepts no responsibility or liability for any issues, damages, or consequences resulting from the use of geotagging or any associated applications.

How do I use the geotagging app

[How to Download App and Take a Video](#)

What is an acceptable video?

Please see below templates for all required videos for the Starting Scheme (horses are expected to be riding over a course of fences etc for Week 8 of Schooling Schemes):

[Identification Video](#)

[Week 1 of Training](#)

[Week 6 of Training](#)

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When will I receive my funding?

Funding is drawn down after all documentation is received, reviewed and audited for the entire scheme as per the T&Cs.

Due to the volume of scheme applicants and shows, HSI process scheme and prize payments in entirety for each funded scheme/show/ class/ event i.e. not on an individual basis.