



# IRISH ORGANIC ASSOCIATION

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## APPLICATION FORM FOR EXTENSION OF LANDS

### SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant Name: _____		Licence No: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____ Eircode (compulsory): _____		
Phone: _____	Mobile: _____	
Website: _____	Email: _____	
Herd No: _____	Flock No: _____	
DATE from which extension will be applied (must be after the date of this application): _____		
1. Address of Holding(s) if different from above: _____ _____ Eircode/Directions: _____		
2. Address of Holding(s) if different from above: _____ _____ Eircode/Directions: _____		
<b>Note:</b> If Eircode not known, please provide detailed directions to the holding and all land parcels – see page 4		

**Irish Organic Association would like to draw your attention to section 3.10 of the Organic Food & Farming Standards in Ireland Edition 2 in relation to the feeding of stock on first and second year in-conversion land.**

- (848.II.II.1.4.3.1(a)) Up to 25% on average of the feed formula of rations may comprise in-conversion feed from the second year of conversion. This percentage may be increased to 100% if this in-conversion feed comes from the holding where the livestock is kept.
- (848.II.II.1.4.3.1(b)) Up to 20 % of the total average amount of feed fed to livestock may originate from the grazing or harvesting of permanent pastures, perennial forage parcels or protein crops, sown under organic management on lands in their first year of conversion, provided that those lands are part of the holding itself.
- (848.II.II.1.4.3.1§1) When both types of in-conversion feed referred to in points (a) and (b) are being used, the total combined percentage of such feed shall not exceed the percentage fixed in point (a).
- (848.II.II.1.4.3.2) The figures in points (a) and (b) above shall be calculated annually as a percentage of the dry matter of feed of plant origin.

*Irish Organic Association will comply with all applicable Data Protection legislation in respect of the information and personal data provided by you – you have the right of access to the data by means of a written request and you can request Irish Organic Association to correct any inaccuracies in the data. Full details of the IOA Data Protection Policy are available on [www.irishorganicassociation.ie](http://www.irishorganicassociation.ie)*

**Please read the Certification Agreement and Declaration (Section 4 of this form) and sign below to confirm that you understand and agree to adhere to it (If the Licence is being applied for in more than one name, each person must sign below)**



**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** You must not put on the market any product before it has been certified by Irish Organic Association and is on your current Licence (ref. 1.04 Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland Edition 2)



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## SECTION 2: AREA OF HOLDING (HECTARES)

Total area of NEW LAND you are bringing into conversion (Ha): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own this land? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, is this land being rented? Yes ☐ No ☐

*if yes please enclose letter confirming annual first refusal from Landlord*

**OR** If no, is this land being leased? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes is there an official lease in place? Yes ☐ No ☐

How long is the lease for? (**MUST be min. 5 years or duration of contract for OFS, enclose a copy**) \_\_\_\_\_

If the land is leased in a con-acre system please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Symbol area (Ha) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Conversion area (Ha) \_\_\_\_\_

Non organic area \_\_\_\_\_ (remaining land which you do not intend converting at present, if applicable). What is the non-organic land currently used for? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any of the new land area Commonage? No ☐ Yes ☐ Area in Ha: \_\_\_\_\_

*If yes, please contact Irish Organic Association for the "Application for the use of Commonage" Form*

## SECTION 3: LAND USE

(Please indicate the hectares allocated to each enterprise that you propose entering for Conversion)

Beef	<input type="text"/>	Vegetables/Herbs	<input type="text"/>
Sheep	<input type="text"/>	Protected Crops	<input type="text"/>
Dairy Cattle	<input type="text"/>	Top/Soft Fruit	<input type="text"/>
Pigs	<input type="text"/>	Woodland	<input type="text"/>
Poultry	<input type="text"/>	Conservation	<input type="text"/>
Arable Crops	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>

### FARM MAP

Please supply most up to date BISS maps or equivalent, indicating the position of the fields/polytunnels and marked as follows:

- (i) External boundaries are edged in **red**
- (ii) Areas excluded for Conversion in year of application should be marked "Excluded".
- (iii) Commercial forestry area should be marked "C/F Excluded".

Please fill in the table below:

Plot No.	LPIS Parcel No	Area in Ha	Land Use
TOTAL AREA			

## **SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION**

By signing page 1 of this form each signatory hereby declares, understands and agrees that:

- All the information supplied to IOA is, to the best of my/our knowledge, accurate and complete.
- I/we have read the *Organic Food and Farming Standards in Ireland* Edition 2 and confirm that the provisions of the relevant standards contained therein have been observed from the date of application and will be henceforth, until such time as IOA receive notification from me/us that I/we wish to be removed from the IOA Certification Scheme. I/we will comply with all IOA Standards including any updates that are published by IOA.
- I/we will inform IOA in a timely manner of any changes in relation to my/our operation (such as locations, products, contact details) that may affect my/our Licence or my/our ability to comply with the certification requirements.
- I/we will allow IOA inspectors and other authorised personnel full access to my/our operation and sub-contractors and relevant records and documents during normal working hours, in order that they can check compliance with IOA Standards. I/we accept that inspection visits will normally be arranged at a mutually convenient time, but spot check/unannounced inspections may be carried out and that I/we will be subject to such announced or unannounced inspections until such time as IOA receive notification from me/us that I/we wish to be removed from the IOA Certification Scheme.
- I/we consent to the exchange of information between IOA, and any other Organic Certification Body (OCB) involved in the certification of my/our products through my/our own certification and that of sub-contractors. If I/we change OCB I/we accept the transmission of my/our organic file in its entirety to the subsequent OCB.
- I/we will provide any information requested by the inspector and certification staff in order for an accurate assessment of my/our operation to be made. I/we accept that information pertaining to my/our participation in the IOA Certification Scheme may be released to the relevant Competent Authority (DAFM/NICA) and/or the Irish National Accreditation Board, and that representatives from the aforementioned may attend inspections as observers. I/we understand that IOA will treat all information received in the strictest confidence. I/we understand that information gathered by IOA in relation to my/our certification may be in the form of visual observations, review of manual records and the use of digital/electronic means to gather evidence (such as email, photographs, videos). I/we understand that such information, along with information provided by me/us, will form the basis for the issuance of my/our organic Certificate and Licence and that this Licence (including the mandatory information as required under EU Organic Regulations and additionally stipulated by DAFM/NICA) will be published on the required public platform, TRACES (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/directory/publication/organic-operator/index>).
- I/we will allow IOA inspectors or authorised personnel to take samples (for example meat, soil, grain and plant material) from my/our operation and pass these on to third parties for testing. I/we understand that IOA will treat all information received in the strictest confidence.
- I/we understand the requirements and obligations of my/our Licence with IOA. I/we accept that any breach of IOA Standards could lead to the termination of my/our Licence and subsequent removal of same from the aforementioned public platform, TRACES. Where corrective action is required in order for my/our Licence to be issued/renewed I/we agree to carry out this corrective action in a timely manner to ensure compliance with IOA Standards. I/we understand that I/we may have to incur additional inspections to demonstrate compliance with IOA Standards at my/our own expense.
- If I/we wish to be removed from the IOA Certification Scheme I/we will provide written notice at least 1 month before the Licence expiry date.
- I/we accept that if my/our Licence with IOA is suspended, withdrawn or terminated (by choice or as a result of enforcement) I/we must discontinue to use any and all labelling, packaging and advertising/marketing material that contains any reference to IOA and must return any in-date Certificates to IOA within a specified timeframe and that DAFM/NICA (and IOA where applicable) will be notified immediately. I/we will inform in writing the buyers of any affected product in order to ensure that the indications referring to the organic production method are removed where applicable. I/we accept that IOA will retain my/our file for a minimum of five years after withdrawal/termination of my/our Licence.
- I/we will inform IOA immediately of any irregularity or infringement affecting the organic status of my/our products or organic products received from other operators or sub-contractors.
- If I/we need to provide a copy of my/our Licence or Certificate to another party the documents will be reproduced in their entirety.
- I/we will fully comply with the labelling requirements when referring to organic production, or when using the IOA Symbol on any of the labelling, packaging or advertising/marketing material. I/we understand that the IOA Symbol is a registered trademark and must only be used in association with the fully organic products included in the scope of my/our certification and in accordance with published guidelines.
- I/we will ensure that the IOA trademark and my/our Licence or Certificate is not used in a misleading or unauthorized manner nor in such a manner as to bring IOA into disrepute.
- I/we will keep a register of all complaints received along with what action has been taken to close out the complaint and retain all documents in relation to complaints received. I/we will allow IOA personnel access to all areas of the operation and records for the investigation of any complaints received.
- I/we will pay all licencing fees, as notified by IOA, in accordance with its terms of business. I/we also accept that other fees may apply if additional inspections are required, or if an agreed inspection date is cancelled with less than five working days' notice.
- I/we have not been convicted of any offence under the Animal Remedies Act 1993 or related Orders, nor have I/we been convicted of any offences in relation to my/our agricultural/food/product processing activities.



## CHECKLIST

PLEASE READ THIS CHECKLIST AND TICK THE ITEMS YOU ARE ENCLOSING

***Mandatory Documents/Information to be enclosed:***

- Completed Application Form in full ☐
- Soil Analysis results for relevant parcels (no older than 5 years) ☐
- Farm Maps ☐

***Enclose where applicable:***

- Copy of Lease Agreement ☐
- Con-acre Agreement ☐
- Landlord Letter ☐

**THE FORM AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS SHOULD EMAILED TO [info@irishoa.ie](mailto:info@irishoa.ie)**

**ALTERNATIVELY IT CAN BE POSTED TO:**

**Irish Organic Association, 13 Inish Carraig, Golden Island, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37 N1W4**

**DIRECTIONS**

If Eircode of holding or lands is not known, please supply directions and where possible enclose a map highlighting the exact location of your holding: