



ACRES Circular No. 10/2022

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**Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES)  
IMPORTANT – Submission of ACRES applications**

Dear Advisor

It has come to the attention of the ACRES Section within the Department that some advisors, having finalised and submitted Farm Sustainability Plans, have not yet completed the next and final step in the application process – which is the completion and submission of the actual ACRES application.

To submit an ACRES application, you must complete the following steps for each application:

1. Submit an Expression of Interest/Access Agreement;
2. Prepare and submit a Farm Sustainability Plan (FSP) on GLAM and
3. Complete and submit the ACRES application (to include relevant uploads, namely, the submission of valid soil sample results where available & proof of membership of breed society if selecting Conservation of Rare Breeds action).

**This Circular is accordingly to remind all advisors that the third and final step must be taken before 21 November 2022 in order for the application to be fully submitted.**

The link to the video prepared by the Division giving guidance on this step (5<sup>th</sup> video entitled 'Video update on #ACRES application' at link below) is attached for reference.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDJeTLwBCHdoG4fFW4z\\_QINO5DCnCdlo](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDJeTLwBCHdoG4fFW4z_QINO5DCnCdlo)

Please note that the Department has begun the land re-digitisation process arising from applications submitted to date to ensure that land details are presented correctly on the 2023 ACRES claim screens on the BISS (Basic Income Support for Sustainability Scheme) system when it opens. For this reason, it would be appreciated if completed applications could be submitted on a timely basis to allow sufficient time for the re-digitisation process.

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