



Farm Note

Department of Agriculture
Falkland Islands

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LABOUR SCHEME

1. Qualifications : farm business turnover exceeding £10,000 or stock numbers exceeding 2000 Dry Sheep Equivalents (DSE).
2. This scheme is to be used for the following camp related works only:
 - a. Fencing including FIG supplied replacement fencing
 - b. Pasture Improvement (not for work undertaken on PIP)
 - c. Major Building/ Development Projects
 - d. Maintenance of farm buildings, yards, dog cages etc. Major maintenance of farm dwellings (no internal work considered).

Note: Outstanding "replacement fencing" is viewed as the highest priority for Labour Scheme funding. On any individual farm, no other project will be funded until all replacement fencing has been erected on that particular farm.

3. Approval for any work to be undertaken must be received from the Department of Agriculture, before the work commences or person(s) employed.
4. The host farmer should, when practical, work alongside the person(s) being employed on their farm.
5. There is no stated limit for camp residents on the amount an individual can earn on the scheme. The Director of Agriculture will use her discretion to ensure that fairness prevails.
6. Farmers and spouses/partners can work on the family farm for projects stated in point two, however support for individual farmers and spouses/partners working on their own farms will, until further notice, be limited to a maximum of £3,000 per farm.
7. Labour Scheme support will, until further notice, be capped at a ceiling of £3,000 per farm.
8. In circumstances where no camp residents are available, Stanley residents will be permitted to work on the Labour Scheme.
9. The Department will consider payment for a maximum of 10 hours per day in summer (October to April inclusive) and eight hours per day in winter (May to September inclusive) for outside work. Travel to and from the work site cannot be claimed.
10. The rate of pay is £6.00 per hour.
11. Applications need to contain the following information: (Application forms available from DoA, attention Katrina Stephenson).
 - 1) Name of persons to be employed
 - 2) Description of work to be carried out (i.e. name of camps where fencing work will take place).
 - 3) Estimate of number of hours required to complete the work.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SENIOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR OR THE DIRECTOR FOR FURTHER DETAILS. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

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