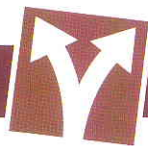


## What happens next?



### When your application is received we will:

- acknowledge its receipt within 10 working days; and
- determine its eligibility against the programme selection criteria.

If your application passes the eligibility selection criteria as detailed in the Explanatory Booklet and subject to availability of funds, you will receive a Letter of Offer detailing the items for which financial support is being provided, the amount of financial support awarded, the appropriate timescale for the submission of the claim for payment and the terms and conditions under which the financial support is awarded. Funding will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. If your application is not successful you will receive a letter detailing the reason(s) why.

## What is not eligible for funding?

Funding is only available for the purchase of the items detailed on the List of Eligible Items. It will not be available for other items or associated costs incurred such as construction, delivery, installation, training, extended warranties, insurance, maintenance, running costs, labour and so on. Second-hand equipment is not eligible. Funding will only be provided for items used in agricultural businesses. Any item used in full or in part for other businesses or domestic purposes will not be eligible.

## Where can I find out more?



**If you would like to find out more, please contact us:**

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**Website:** [www.rdpni.info](http://www.rdpni.info)

**Email:** [rdp@dardni.gov.uk](mailto:rdp@dardni.gov.uk)

**Write to us at:** Rural Development Programme, Room 141, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB

**or call in to your local DARD office.**

## Frequently asked questions



### Why are the maximum financial support amounts so low?

There is a limited budget for this programme. During consultation, industry representatives were keen to restrict the maximum amount of support per farm business so as to allow more farmers to avail of the programme. The higher maximum financial support level for METS takes account of the significant cost of advanced slurry spreading systems.

### Can the list of eligible items be changed?

Yes. Funding for the programme will be released in several tranches. Between the tranches for funding the list will be reviewed for uptake across the farming sectors, and if required, it will include additional modernising items.