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## Spring 2010 RPAC Assessment Round

Due to the extreme weather conditions the decision has been made to revise the dates for the forthcoming Spring assessment round.

The Scottish Government has announced, in a [press release on 8 January](#), that the deadline for the submission and committal of proposals has been extended.

Applicants now have until **Monday 25 January** to submit their cases. The deadline for committed cases is now **Friday 12 February**. The Regional Proposal Assessment Committees (RPACs) will now sit over the last two weeks in April, to take account of the Easter holidays.

Full details can be read here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/KeyFacts/RPACDates/>

Further coverage on the Rural Network website can be read here:

<http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/node/1603>

## Freezebusters

How are you and your community fighting the big freeze?

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**Contact the Rural Direct team**

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