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### Rural Priorities

#### Dates of 2010 RPACs - reminder

The Scottish Government has announced the timetable for the remaining Rural Priorities Assessment Committee (RPAC) rounds in 2010.

**Summer 2010** (for applicants who **submitted** their application on or before June 1st deadline)

The **commit** deadline is **5th July** (4pm)

The RPACs will meet between 16th and 27th August

Following the RPAC meetings recommendations for approval will be forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary for endorsement

#### **Autumn 2010**

**Submission** deadline - 2nd August (4pm)

Commit deadline - 6th September (4pm)

RPAC meetings - between 18th and 29th October

Further information on the application process can be viewed here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/HowItWorks/Q/editmode/on/forceupdate/on>

**Remember** : The Rural Direct team is here to support all community group and voluntary sector applicants for SRDP funding - you can contact us through [our help desk](#) or simply get in touch with your regional contact listed below.

### Rural Priorities application process

#### Submission of additional information

The Scottish Government has recently issued revised guidance requiring any supplementary information associated with a full application be lodged with your case officer **no more than 5 days** after the submission of the application. This covers all additional information referred to in your application. Failure to submit on time will result in your application being "locked out" and delay the assessment process.

### New Rural Direct briefing notes

Rural Direct has produced two new Briefing Notes to assist you in making a full Rural Priorities submission. The first of these works through [The On-line Application Process \(available here\)](#) and the second [The Submission of Supporting Information and Documentation \(available here\)](#)

### Links to Key documents on the SRDP web site

New visitors to the SRDP web site may find the volume of information a little daunting. Links the key pages are listed below to help applicants navigate the site.

- [Land and Business Change Form](#) (to apply for a Business Registration Number)
- [Rural Payments on-line log in](#) (to submit your Statement of intent or full application)
- [Community Services and Facilities Option](#) - detailed requirements
- Rural Priorities - [assessment criteria guidance](#)

- [Guidance on necessary quotes and estimates](#) (community groups should note exception 1)

## The Scottish National Rural Network (SNRN)

The [National Rural Network web pages](#) are a vital source of information for all those interested in the future of rural Scotland. The site hosts news, feature, information on funding and upcoming events and a lively interactive forum. Following [this link](#) to register for regular updates.

## Have you received Rural Priorities funding?

- **Are you involved with a community group or voluntary organisation that has been successful in securing Rural Priorities funding?**
- **Would you like to help us help other communities access funding?**
- **Then we'd like to hear from you.**

The Rural Direct team are compiling a series of case studies from organisations that have applied for Rural Priorities funding and we'd love to hear about your projects and what you think about the whole application process. If you would like to tell us more about your project please give us a call on 0845 838 8598 or email us at <mailto:info@ruraldirect.org.uk>

## Rural Priorities: Budgeting, Claims and Payments

Successful applicants will be coming to terms with the claims and payment s procedures associated with the SRDP. Next month's Newsletter will provide support documentation and further details how Rural Direct might support you post approval. We hope to publish this information in July.

## Contact the Rural Direct team

**We are here to help constituted community groups across rural Scotland**

Do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you need any support relating to Rural Priorities funding, from your initial ideas through to the submission of claims. Remember, you can contact us at **any** point in the process.

[Barbara Love](#) co-ordinates the service and is responsible for the Highlands and Islands.

[Sheila Fraser](#) supports communities in Fife, Forth Valley, Lothian and Borders

[Ian Mathieson](#) works with communities in Argyll, Ayrshire, Clyde Valley, and Dumfries & Galloway

[Eleanor Morris](#) works with communities in Grampian, Moray and Tayside.

[Barbara Robertson](#) at Voluntary Action Orkney and [Wendy Hand](#) at Voluntary Action Shetland are the local contacts in the Northern Isles.

Other team members are Rural Development Officer [Sandra Hogg](#) and Rural Direct Administrator [Liz Syred](#). The service is managed by SCVO's Head of Rural Policy [Norman MacAskill](#).

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