

**Department of Agriculture and Food - SINGLE PAYMENT SCHEME**  
**2006 Application for Consolidation of Entitlements**

I wish to apply to consolidate my Entitlements on the agricultural parcels declared by me on my 2006 Single Payment Scheme application.

<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Herd Number:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Telephone:</b> _____
_____	<b>Mobile:</b> _____
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<b>Number of Standard Entitlements:</b>	<b>Value of Entitlements:</b>

<b><u>Reason for consolidation:</u></b>	
The reason(s) for the reduction in the number of hectares declared in the SPS Application as against the number of entitlements established in the SPS reference period must be accounted for as follows: (Please tick the category below that is relevant to your application)	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Afforestation:</b> Land afforested under the Afforestation Premium Scheme during or since the reference period (2000 – 2002).	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Compulsory Purchase Order:</b> Land acquired by a public Authority for non-agricultural purposes e.g. for road development. Land sold for private development does not qualify for this measure.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lease:</b> Lands leased-in during all/part of the reference period (2000 – 2002) where the lease has expired and land parcels in question are not eligible and are not declared on your 2006 SPS application.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rental:</b> Lands rented-in during all/part of the reference period (2000 – 2002) where the rental agreement has expired and the land parcels in question are not eligible and are not declared on your 2006 SPS application. .
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sugar Beet:</b> Farmers who are granted additional entitlements as a result of the Sugar Beet Reform in 2006 and who lost land under one of the 4 measures above or for other reasons which will be specified later.	

- You may have been successful under the Consolidation measure in 2005 and now wish to further Consolidate in 2006. In these circumstances, please note that the land that was farmed during the reference years and that was unavailable to support your 2005 SPS application, and was therefore used as the basis for your 2005 Consolidation application, cannot again be put forward as the reason for consolidation in 2006

Please tick the following boxes as appropriate.

I **have** transferred out, **without the equivalent entitlements**, **owned** land that was available to me in the reference period as indicated below;

Parcel Number: _____	Net Hectares: _____
Parcel Number: _____	Net Hectares: _____

- If a farmer does not replace any owned lands transferred out with at least an equivalent number of hectares, the calculation of consolidated Entitlements will be based on the land transferred out as well as the land declared on the SPS application form. **This will result in a loss of Entitlements to the National Reserve.** However, lands disposed of by means of permanent transfer with equivalent number of entitlements do not need to be replaced and will be excluded from the Consolidation calculation.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Rental Declaration:</u></b> I wish to declare that rented land farmed by me during the reference period is no longer available to me.
Signed: _____ Date: _____



## Consolidation of Entitlements

If you have any queries relating to the Consolidation of entitlements, please contact the Consolidation Section, The Single Payment Unit, Department of Agriculture and Food, Eircom Building, Knockmay, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, on Lo-call **1890-252-240** (Connaught & Leinster) or **1890-252-241** (Munster & Ulster). The information set out below in no way guarantees full consolidation.

### Following is a brief summary of the main points in relation to Consolidation.

- Set-aside entitlements and Special Condition entitlements cannot be consolidated.
- A farmer who acquires entitlements by way of purchase/lease of land cannot consolidate the purchased/leased entitlements.
- **A farmer who has acquired lands and entitlements, or will acquire lands and entitlements, by way of inheritance or gift, from a farmer who was in receipt of direct payments during the reference period, can apply to consolidate his/her entitlements.**
- The number of hectares declared in the Single Payment Scheme application form must be less than the number of entitlements allocated to you.
- **The number of hectares declared by you on your 2006 Single Payment Scheme application must be at least 50% of the number of entitlements allocated to you including any additional entitlements granted to you in respect of the sugar beet compensation. However, the land lost must be equal to or greater than the difference between the number of entitlements less the land declared in 2006 and must be as a result of one of the measures eligible for Consolidation listed below.**
- *The reduction in the number of hectares declared in the 2006 SPS Application must have arisen because of one or more of the following measures:*
  - The afforestation of land;
  - The acquisition of land by a public authority for non-agricultural purposes (this will include, for example, lands compulsorily purchased for road development etc but does include lands sold for private development);
  - Lands leased-in during all or part of the reference period (2000-2002) where the lease agreement has expired or will expire and land parcels in question are not eligible to be declared on your 2006 SPS application;
  - Lands rented-in during all or part of the reference period where the rental agreement has expired or will expire and land parcels in question are not eligible to be declared on your 2006 SPS application;
  - The establishment of sugar beet entitlements.
- Applications for Consolidation of Entitlements of hectares lost under the measures outlined above can only be considered if these hectares were used to establish your entitlements during the reference period
- **Farmers who are granted additional entitlements as a result of the Sugar Beet Reform in 2006 can apply to have their entitlements consolidated where land has been lost under one of the measures above.**
- **Farmers who consolidated in 2005 and who are granted additional Sugar Beet entitlements in 2006 will automatically have their additional Sugar Beet entitlements topped up on their consolidated Entitlements. If you were accepted under the Consolidation measure in 2005 and are also in receipt of additional Sugar Beet entitlements, there is therefore no need to apply to consolidate in 2006 unless the number of eligible hectares declared on your 2006 Single Payment application is less than the number of consolidated Entitlements granted to you in 2005.**

- If a farmer does not replace any owned lands transferred out with at least an equivalent number of hectares, the calculation of consolidated Entitlements will be based on the land transferred out as well as the land declared on the SPS application form. This will result in a loss of Entitlements to the National Reserve.
- **If a farmer permanently transfers out (by way of sale/gift/inheritance) an equal number of entitlements and hectares, this land and entitlements will be excluded from the calculation for Consolidation in 2006.**
- **Farmers are entitled to apply for consolidation in more than one year provided all the conditions are met. If you were accepted under the Consolidation measure in 2005 and wish to further Consolidate in 2006, the land farmed during the reference period and used to establish your entitlements that was used in the calculation of your 2005 Consolidation application can not be re-used.**
- **If you Consolidated in 2005, and have applied to further Consolidate in 2006, the five year period in relation to the National Reserve and Trading of Entitlements re-commences in 2006. This does not apply to farmers, who consolidated in 2005 and who are granted additional Sugar Beet entitlements in 2006 and who will automatically have their additional Sugar Beet entitlements topped up on their consolidated Entitlements.**
- Hectares declared by you as producing potatoes and/or fruit/vegetables are used in the calculation of your Consolidated Entitlements, however these hectares are not eligible to benefit from the Single Payment and the entitlements established on these hectares will be surrendered to the National Reserve. If the applicant proceeds to consolidate their entitlements, the hectares declared as farmed under Potatoes and/or Fruit/Vegetables will be lost to the Reserve forever
- If you applied for Consolidation in 2005, and lost Entitlements to the Reserve as a result of having Potatoes and/or Fruit/Vegetables declared on your 2005 SPS application and you further apply to have your entitlements Consolidated in 2006 and have Potatoes and/or Fruit/Vegetables declared on your 2006 SPS application. If the applicant proceeds to consolidate their entitlements in 2006, the number of hectares declared as farmed under Potatoes and/or Fruit/Vegetable on 2006 SPS will be lost to the Reserve.

**Supporting Documentation:**

- The following supporting documentation must be submitted with the completed Consolidation application form as appropriate to your application:
  - In the case of sale of land to a public authority for non-agricultural purposes, please enclose a copy of the CPO / sale contract.
  - Where a lease has expired, please enclose a certified copy of the expired lease agreement.
  - Where a rental agreement has expired, you must sign the rental declaration on the front page of this application. Furthermore, if the Department requires the applicant to provide proof of an expired land rental agreement, the applicant will be expected to furnish such proof on request.
  - Where the consolidation is based on afforested land, details of the land parcels that have been afforested should be enclosed with the application.

**Please note:**

**Consolidated Entitlements are issued from the National Reserve and cannot therefore be sold or leased for a period of five years from the year of consolidation. During this 5-year period, the farmer must claim all of the consolidated Entitlements each year on the SPS application form. Where any of these Entitlements are not claimed in any year, those Entitlements will revert to the National Reserve. It should also be noted that where a farmer holds entitlements of different values, the order of payment is that the National Reserve entitlements are paid first, followed by the highest value entitlements, then the next highest value entitlements etc.**