



AGRICULTURAL LAW ASSOCIATION

Agricultural Law Association

Starter for Ten 2025 Scotland

Prospectus & Enrolment Form

Wednesday, 23 & Thursday, 24 April 2025
Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling, FK9 4AE

The Association invites applications to attend the 2025 Starter for Ten - Scotland course.

The course is intended for those who wish to fully revise or receive a thorough introduction to the complexities of agricultural holdings law in Scotland.

The course is held over two full days including teaching and informal workshop sessions. No knowledge is assumed, and questions are encouraged.

The course will provide 11 hours of CPD.

Due to the approach and structure of the teaching and workshop sessions, places are limited to 20 delegates.

In the course of the two days, we will cover the following principal areas:

Agricultural Holdings:

A comparison of the principal features of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991, Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 and Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 including secure agricultural tenancies, Limited Duration Tenancies, Modern Limited Duration Tenancies, Short Limited Duration Tenancies and Grazing Lets; the ways in which these agricultural tenancies are created and terminated; Fixed Equipment, Repairing obligations and enforcement, Conversion of tenancies, Rent Reviews, Succession, Assignment, Tenant's Right to Buy, Resumption, Relinquishment, Limited Partnership Tenancies, Partnerships and the implication of partnership dealings on the tenancy and also touching upon land reform as it affects agricultural holdings

Other Occupations of Land:

Contract Farming arrangements, Licences and Share Farming.

Basic Payment Scheme:

How this interacts with different forms of tenancy (i.e. does it belong to the Landlord or Tenant), Transfer of Entitlements upon termination of tenancy, Breaches and Appeal Process, and consideration of the ongoing (including intended) reform of support payments,.

Scottish Land Court:

Jurisdiction, Court Rules, Outline of procedures, Examples of recent cases.

Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Considering the role of arbitration, mediation and expert determination in the agricultural sector.

Tenant Farming Commissioner:

Codes of Practice, Guidance Notes and other statutory responsibilities

THE TUTORS:

Heather Bruce, Legal Director , Turcan Connell

Heather is accredited by The Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in Agricultural Law. She has experience in a wide range of contentious and non-contentious agricultural law matters principally in connection with agricultural holdings and crofting legislation including preparation of leases and agreements; assistance with negotiations in respect of rent review and waygoing claims; and advice in connection with Scottish Land Court applications. Heather is also a trained mediator with experience in taking clients through the mediation process.

Emma Robertson, Partner , Shepherd + Wedderburn

Emma advises on the creation, operation and termination of agricultural tenancies and is accredited by The Law Society of Scotland as a Specialist in Agricultural Law. She also acts for landowners in the purchase and sale of estates, farms, forestry and other rural properties and provides advice on contract farming agreements. In renewables, she advises landowners, developers and agricultural tenants on a wide variety of projects including wind turbine developments, hydro schemes, solar and biomass systems. Emma is a member of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen.

Kirsten Mitchell MRICS FAAV, Associate Director, Savills

Kirsten is a RICS Chartered Surveyor and Registered Valuer within the Scottish Rural Professional Team. Kirsten specialises in rural and residential valuation, particularly agricultural property for taxation and loan security purposes, and portfolio valuations. She also assists clients (private clients, trusts and corporate clients) in providing farm management advice (incl. contract farming agreements), agricultural landlord and tenant work (incl. contentious matters), and compensation and access negotiation services. Kirsten is also a Fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers.

COST:

The total cost is £500 and includes board and lodging at the Stirling Court Hotel and all course materials and will include free membership of the Association for one year.

ENROLMENT:

To enrol on the course, please complete and return the enrolment form below with your remittance by email to enquiries@ala.org.uk

Deadline for Enrolment: 5pm on Friday, 28 March 2025

If you have any queries, please contact Mike Holland on 07885 643341 or at enquiries@ala.org.uk

Application for enrolment

Please enrol me on the 2025 Starter for Ten Scotland course:

Name:

Profession:

Company Name

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

Dietary requirements:

Areas of Professional Work/Experience to date:

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I have made a BACS payment in the sum of £500 (VAT is not applicable as the course falls within the Tour Operators Margin Scheme) to:

Account No: 51283383
Sort Code: 40-46-39
Account Name: Agricultural Law Association

