

Payment rates for Islay Goose Scheme participants (£/ha/year)

Zone	Full Payment Rate (£/ha) is up to:	Payment Rate (£/ha) where combined with otherwise incompatible AECS/RP options is up to:
Feeding area		
Rotational pasture	£437	£321
Permanent pasture	£307	£209
Grass let – Rotational pasture	£296	-
Grass let - Permanent pasture	£187	-
Barley	£142	-
Root Crops	£146	-
Buffer area		
Rotational pasture	£388	-
Permanent pasture	£272	-
Grass let – Rotational pasture	£194	-
Grass let - Permanent pasture	£152	-
Minimum activity payment	£100 single payment	-

In order to work within a given budget, Local Goose Management Groups may adjust these payment rates slightly in response to changes in goose number and goose distribution.

Lower Goose Scheme payment rates may be offered on land that would otherwise be incompatible with existing AECS/RP contracts or AECS/RP applications. See [link to compatibility checks]

Land managers in the Islay Goose Scheme receive a proportion of the above payment rates depending on goose density:

The payment rate is calculated pro rata according to the goose density that the land supports. The full rate is awarded to land that supports at least 15 geese/hectare and/or has a goose average of more than 100 birds.

See example below:

A holding supports 100 geese over 6 ha rotational and 4 ha of permanent pasture both within the feeding zone and both with a goose density of 10 geese/ha.

Land entered is allocated to the relevant payment category. Payments are then calculated based on a proportion of overall goose density which is applied to each zone.

Density factor for each category is (10/15) geese per ha
 Total feeding area payment for holding is
 Rotational pasture (10/15) x 6ha x £437 = £1748 +
 Permanent pasture (10/15) x 4ha x £307 = £819
 Total= £2567.