

THE AGRICULTURE (WALES) BILL – REPORT STAGE GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

This table provides information about the amendment tabled in the name of Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd on 09 June 2023.

No.	GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT	GWELLIANT Y LLYWODRAETH	PURPOSE AND EFFECT
	<p>Section 9, page 7, line 36, leave out subsection (3) and insert –</p> <p>() Support may be provided subject to certain eligibility criteria being met.</p> <p>() Where support is provided in connection with the use of land, the eligibility criteria may (among other things) specify requirements relating to –</p> <p>(a) the hectarage or characteristics of the land;</p> <p>(b) the extent to which the land must be used for or in connection with agriculture or ancillary activities;</p> <p>(c) the person to whom support may be provided (for example by reference to the person’s actual or intended use of the land).’.</p>	<p>Adran 9, tudalen 7, llinell 37, hepgorer is-adran (3) a mewnosoder –</p> <p>() Caniateir darparu cymorth yn ddarostyngedig i fodloni meini prawf o ran cymhwysedd.</p> <p>() Pan fo cymorth yn cael ei ddarparu mewn cysylltiad â’r defnydd o dir, caniateir i’r meini prawf cymhwysedd (ymysg pethau eraill) bennu gofynion yn ymwneud ag –</p> <p>(a) hectarau neu nodweddion y tir;</p> <p>(b) i ba raddau y mae rhaid i’r tir gael ei ddefnyddio ar gyfer neu mewn cysylltiad ag amaethyddiaeth neu weithgareddau ategol;</p> <p>(c) y person y darperir cymorth iddo (er enghraifft drwy gyfeirio at ddefnydd neu</p>	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to replace section 9(3) of the Bill which currently restricts who is able to benefit from financial support under section 8.</p> <p>The amendment provides examples of eligibility criteria that may need to be met in order for a person to be eligible for support. The amendment sets out, on the face of the Bill, that support may be provided subject to requirements being met. These requirements may relate to the characteristics of the land, for example, the ecological features of the land. Another requirement could relate to the person receiving support – for example, this could be someone who is new to farming and who wants to access support or someone who wants to diversify the agricultural activities that are undertaken.</p> <p>Effect: The amendment will replace subsection (3). The amendment refers to eligibility criteria (essentially pre-conditions to financial and other support provided under section 8). It expressly introduces the concept of eligibility that the Bill has a provision to check (for example, whether the criteria are met) in section 11.</p>

		<p>ddefnydd fwriadedig y person o'r tir).'</p>	<p>It provides a mechanism by which schemes can define eligibility criteria. This criteria will be determined by each individual scheme established under section 8. Eligibility criteria may evolve over time as farm businesses, farming and land management adapts and changes.</p> <p>The wording of the provision reflects the flexibility Welsh Ministers need to set eligibility criteria for schemes operating under section 8.</p>
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