

# Assignment



**CROFTING COMMISSION**  
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## What is Assignment?

Assignment is simply the transfer of a croft tenancy from the current tenant to a person they have chosen.

**A croft must be registered with the Registers of Scotland before an Assignment can take place.**

**Important Note about Houses:** If there is a house on the croft that you (the outgoing tenant) want to keep, you must separate the house from the croft tenancy.

## Who can apply?

The current tenant. They can apply to transfer the tenancy of:

- The entire croft.
- A share of a common grazings land.

(If you only want to assign part of your grazing shares, you should contact the Crofting Commission for advice first, as you may need to formally divide the shares.)

## Why apply to the Crofting Commission?

The Crofting Commission regulates crofting to ensure crofts are used productively. The Commission needs to approve the new tenant to ensure they will meet their legal requirements.

## How to apply:

1. Complete the "Assignment" application form.
2. Provide additional documentation as required.
3. Advertise the assignment and notify the landlord.
4. Refer to the Commission's guidance document for assistance.

## What happens next?

1. Your application is checked and acknowledged if correct.
2. The application is advertised in the local press.
3. Anyone can submit comments within 28 days.
4. The Commission investigates and makes a decision.

## How long will it take?

The Commission aims to decide within 16 weeks if the croft is registered with the Registers of Scotland. If the croft is not registered this will take longer.

## What happens after the decision?

- If approved, the Commission will send you a decision letter which will tell you when the assignment will take effect.
- The new tenant is entered in the Register of Crofts.
- The decision can be appealed to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days.

## More Information

More information is available on the Crofting Commission website.

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