

REGULATION No. 4 OF 11 MARCH 2011 SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS TO CONDUCT COMPETITIVE EXAMS FOR FIELD INSPECTORS

Effective date 18 March 2011

Issued by the Minister of Agriculture and Food

Promulgated, SG No. 22 of 18 March 2011, amended and supplemented, SG No. 45 of 7 June 2019

Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. (1) This Regulation shall set out the procedure and conditions to conduct competitive exams for field inspectors.

(2) The objective of this Regulation is to guarantee a transparent competitive procedure and to ensure professional licensing of applicants to become field inspectors on the basis of their professional qualifications.

Chapter Two ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Article 2. (Amended, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019) Any legally competent Bulgarian national, citizen of an EU Member State or third country national who holds a work permit granted by the Republic of Bulgaria may be licensed to carry out field inspections upon the completion of a specialised training course to acquire the qualifications of a field inspector and upon success at the exam provided for in this Regulation.

Article 3. (1) The training to acquire the qualifications of a field inspector shall be organised and carried out by the IASAS every calendar year.

(2) The persons willing to complete the course and to acquire the qualifications of a field inspector shall submit an application in writing by groups of agricultural plant species to the IASAS in the format approved by the Executive Director of the IASAS, which is set out in Annex No. 1, not later than 28 February of the relevant calendar year.

(3) The following shall be attached to the application referred to in paragraph 1:

1. (Repealed, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019)
2. (Repealed, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019)
3. a medical certificate;
4. a CV.

5. (Repealed, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019)

(4) (New, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019) The application shall be submitted in person or by proxy or electronically pursuant to Articles 5 and 22 of the E-Government Act or via a licensed postal operator.

Article 4. (1) The set of documents which is submitted pursuant to Article 3 shall be reviewed by a commission appointed at an order of the Executive Director of the IASAS.

(2) (Amended and supplemented, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019) In the cases in which the application does not comply with the established format or has other non-compliances or omissions or any document referred to in Article 3(3) is missing, the IASAS shall notify the irregularities to the applicant within seven days as from the receipt of the documents and give the applicant ten working days as from the date of receipt of the notification to eliminate such irregularities.

(3) (Amended, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019) Where the applicant fails to eliminate the irregularities or omissions within the established time limit, the licensing procedure shall be terminated by an order of the Executive Director of the IASAS. The order shall be served and it

may be appealed in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Code.

Chapter Three

ORGANISATION AND CONDUCT OF THE TRAINING AND THE EXAM

Article 5. (1) Within a month after the expiry of the time limit referred to in Article 3(2), the Executive Director of the IASAS shall fix the beginning dates and venue of the training course.

(2) The training course referred to in paragraph 1 shall continue for eight days and consist of two parts: five days of theoretical training for all groups of agricultural plant species and three days for practical training by groups of agricultural plant species. Per diem costs and travelling and accommodation costs shall be borne by the trainees.

Article 6. (1) The Executive Director of the IASAS shall appoint an expert commission of examiners to conduct the exam for field inspectors.

(2) The exam referred to in paragraph 1 shall consist of two parts: a theoretical part and a practical part.

(3) The theoretical exam shall take place on the day on which the theoretical part of the training course is completed.

(4) The practical exam shall take place on the day on which the practical part of the training course is completed, depending on the vegetation phase of the group of agricultural plant species concerned.

(5) Each applicant shall pay a fee for the exam in accordance with the rates approved by the Council of Ministers, which shall be collected by the IASAS.

(6) (Amended, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019) The list of questions for the exam shall be published on the websites of the [MAFF](#) and the [IASAS](#) not later than 60 days prior to the date of the exam.

Article 7. (1) The theoretical exam shall be conducted in the form of a test and a score of at least 75 correct answers shall be required to achieve success at the exam.

(2) The results of the test shall be announced on the day on which the exam is held.

Article 8. (1) Applicants who have passed the theoretical exam successfully shall be allowed to proceed with the practical exam.

(2) The practical exam shall take place at a venue established by the commission of examiners in a seed producing field, which shall be the same for all participants, and it shall consist of carrying out a field inspection and filling in a field inspection statement form.

(3) The commission of examiners shall assess the compliance of the field inspection carried out by the applicant and the papers filled in by the applicant with the requirements of the method for field inspection of seed crops of cereals, fodder plants, oil and fibre plants, beet, tobacco, potatoes, ornamental plants or medicinal and aromatic plants, the method for field inspection of vegetable plants and the national legislation concerning seed.

(4) The exam shall be considered to have been passed successfully where the commission of examiners gives a positive assessment.

Article 9. (1) Applicants who have passed the exam for field inspectors successfully shall be granted a license by the Executive Director of the IASAS to carry out field inspections by groups of agricultural plant species in accordance with Annex No. 2 within five days.

(2) The persons referred to in paragraph 1 shall be entered into the IASAS register of field inspectors, which shall be in the public domain and announced on the [website](#) of the IASAS.

(3) The license shall indicate the unique identification number of the field inspector.

(4) The license to carry out field inspections shall be valid for three years.

Article 10. (1) The licensing of field inspectors for another three-year period shall be carried out pursuant to the provisions of this Regulation.

(2) For this purpose, persons shall submit an application to the IASAS in the format laid down in

Annex No. 3 not later than three months prior to the expiration of the validity term of the existing license.

(3) Persons willing to be granted a new field inspection license shall sit for a practical exam for the groups of agricultural plant species they apply for.

(4) On the basis of the application referred to in paragraph 2, the Executive Director of the IASAS shall grant a new license for another three years upon payment of the fee referred to in Article 6(7) SPMA.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

§ 1. For the purposes of this Regulation, "competitive exam" means completion of a training course and successful performance at an exam.

FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 2. This Regulation is issued pursuant to Article 6(5) of the Seed and Propagating Material Act.

§ 3. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in The State Gazette.

§ 4. The implementation of this Regulation is assigned to the Executive Director of the IASAS.

Final Provisions
AMENDING REGULATION TO REGULATION No. 4 OF 2011 MARCH 2011
SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS TO CONDUCT
COMPETITIVE EXAMS FOR FIELD INSPECTORS

(PROMULGATED, SG No. 45/2019, EFFECTIVE DATE 7.06.2019)

§ 11. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in The State Gazette.

Annex No. 1 to Article 3(2)
(Amended, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019)

TO
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE IASAS

APPLICATION

for participation in a competitive exam for field inspectors

by ,

(Full name of the natural person),

City/town/village

Address

Telephone No:

DEAR SIR/MADAME,

I hereby declare that I am willing to take part in the training course on carrying out field inspections of the following group of agricultural plant species:

- I. Cereals
 - 1.;
 - 2.;
 - 3.;
 - 4.;
 - 5.;
- II. Oil and fibre plants
 - 1.;

- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;
- III. Fodder plants
- 1.;
- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;
- IV. Vegetable plants
- 1.;
- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;
- V. Beet
- 1.;
- 2.;
- VI. Ornamental plants
- 1.;
- 2.;

Encl.:
 Medical certificate;
 CV.

Date:

Signature:

Annex No. 2 to Article 9(1)
 (Amended, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019)

<p>SPECIMEN!</p> <p>REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA</p> <p>EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR VARIETY TESTING, FIELD INSPECTION AND SEED CONTROL</p> <p>1113 Sofia, 125 Tsarigradsko Chausse, bl. 1</p> <p>e-mail: iasas@iasas.government.bg</p> <p>Tel.: 870 03 75; Fax: 870 65 17</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <p>L I C E N S E</p> <p>of/.....</p> <p>TO CARRY OUT FIELD INSPECTIONS OF SEED PRODUCING CROPS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6(1) OF THE SEED AND PROPAGATING MATERIAL ACT</p> <p>This license is granted to... (person)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Permanent address</p> <p>Identification number:</p>

Botanical name and category by groups of agricultural plant species:

I. Cereals

- 1.;
- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;

II. Oil and fibre plants

- 1.;
- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;

III. Fodder plants

- 1.;
- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;

IV. Vegetable plants

- 1.;
- 2.;
- 3.;
- 4.;
- 5.;

V. Beet

- 1.;
- 2.;

VI. Ornamental plants

- 1.;
- 2.;

This license is granted for carrying out field inspections of the following categories of seed: certified seed, certified seed of the first generation, certified seed of the second generation, and certified seed of the third generation.

VALIDITY TERM: Three years as from the date of issuance

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Annex No. 3 to Article 10(2)
(Amended, SG No. 45/2019, effective date 07.06.2019)

TO
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
of the IASAS

APPLICATION

for the granting of a new license to carry out field inspections of seed producing crops pursuant
to Article 6(1) of the Seed and Propagating Material Act

by ,
(Full name of the natural person),

City/town/village

Address

Telephone No:

MR/MS DIRECTOR,

I hereby apply for a new license to carry out field inspections of seed producing crops pursuant to Article
6(1) of the Seed and Propagating Material Act

Encl.: Medical certificate

Date:

Signature: