

# CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF CROFT LAND

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Making changes to your croft - Change of Ownership of Croft Land

Regulatory Notifications

**A**nyone who buys croft land must notify the Commission. This applies whether it is part or the whole of the croft that is purchased and includes tenants who purchase all or part of their croft.

If different areas of the same croft are bought by different people, the new owner(s) of each part must complete a Notification Form and send it to us.

An owner-occupier crofter cannot transfer part of their croft unless we first agree to the croft being divided. See factsheet on Division.

### Why do I have to notify the Crofting Commission?

The Crofting Commission is the regulatory body for crofting. Crofts are a valuable resource that should be available both now and in the future, for existing crofters and new entrants to crofting, to use productively. The Crofting Commission has regulatory duties and powers to work with crofters and crofting communities to:

- Ensure crofts are occupied by a tenant or owner-occupier crofter
- Prevent misuse and neglect of the land
- Ensure the crofts are cultivated or put to other purposeful uses.

### How do I notify the Commission?

- You must complete the Notification of Change of Ownership form and send it to the Commission. Notification forms can be found on our website [www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk) or by contacting our office.
- If your croft is already registered on the Crofting Register held by Registers of Scotland, they will also require notification of the change in ownership. Please check the Rules and Procedures on our website for further information. Details can also be found on [www.ros.gov.uk/services/registration/crofting-register](http://www.ros.gov.uk/services/registration/crofting-register)

### What happens next?

- Providing all the required information is sent to the Commission and any Registers of Scotland requirements have been fulfilled, we will update our Register of Crofts.



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You can find more information on change of ownership on our website:

[www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk)

