

Common map issues for croft registration applications

The following list is the most common reasons for croft registration maps having to be returned to applicants.

1. Not showing boundaries precisely enough. For example because a thick line is used which overlaps more than one line on the map.

We need to know the *exact* line the croft boundary follows on Ordnance Survey Mastermap. If the boundary is drawn on by hand please ensure that it clearly follows just one line on Ordnance Survey Mastermap. If it falls across more than one line on the map or is unclear as to which line it should follow then the application will be returned. The scale of the map used should also be appropriate so that it shows enough detail to allow us to identify the correct line on the map.

2. Not providing measurements for boundaries that do not follow a line on Ordnance Survey Mastermap

Measurements must be provided for all boundaries that do not follow a feature on Ordnance Survey Mastermap. Tie in measurements should also be provided, which can be for surrounding boundaries or measurements between the undefined line and other features on the map. This allows Registers of Scotland to map the boundaries precisely. Where the actual boundary does not follow the map exactly annotation can also be provided to clarify (e.g. 'boundary follows road edge').

3. Croft boundary that is incomplete

The boundary needs to be clearly shown for the *entire* boundary of the croft.

4. Not removing decrofted areas from the boundary of the croft

All Decrofting Directions issued to the croft will be checked to ensure that the croft boundary submitted correctly reflects this. Whilst decroftings from the last 20 years need to be referenced on the map, older decroftings still need to be removed from the croft boundaries. The Crofting Commission hold all decroftings and can issue copies on request. Note that Resumption Orders can also be obtained on request from the Scottish Land Court.

5. Showing decrofted areas on the croft boundary map that are different in shape or area to what is on the Decrofting Direction

We recommend that you refer to the map attached to the original Decrofting Direction when you are preparing a croft boundary map. And that you ensure that these areas on the croft boundary map match the Decrofting Direction map in both shape and area.

6. Decrofted area is shown on the map but no date is provided

The decrofted areas should be referenced (labelled) on the map with the date the Direction was issued. This allows Registers of Scotland to remove the referenced decrofted areas from their register once 20 years has elapsed since the Direction was issued.

7. Not showing the croft and apportionment separately on the map

Registers of Scotland differentiate between the croft and apportionment on their register. This means that they need to know the boundaries of both the croft and apportionment individually.

8. The boundary of the apportioned area does not match the Apportionment Order

Apportionment boundaries shown on your map will be checked against the original apportionment order to ensure that it is consistent with it. Copies of Apportionment Orders can be obtained from the Crofting Commission on request.

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