

Please see below a brief explanation of the current changes being made to the BASIS Professional Register and the current FACTS Annual Scheme.

Please find below the FACTS flow chart, illustrating how FQAs maintain their Professional Status in future.

The revised scheme, resulting from a FACTS 2015 project will be fully implemented in the Autumn. However, during this transitional period our systems are being updated to reflect these changes.

Current Procedures

Currently FACTS Qualified Advisers are those who are members of:

- The BASIS Professional Register with the Fertiliser Category (CPD points and payment up to date).
- Have taken their NMP CPD Training modules and passed the Online Assessment within the required time.

Or are members of:

- The FACTS Annual Scheme

Anyone who takes the FACTS Exam from January 2015 has 2 years from the date of their exam to complete the NMP CPD Training modules and Online Assessment to keep their FQA status.

FACTS 2015

FACTS Qualified Advisers

The BASIS Professional Register and FACTS Annual Scheme have now merged, so there is only one scheme for FQA's and only 1 invoice will be issued. These members will be issued an invoice in April prior to the next Professional Register year (1 June 2016 – 31 May 2017). Their membership will show them as a BASIS Professional Register Member with the FACTS Qualified Adviser category.

The FACTS Annual Scheme will be incorporated into the BASIS Professional Register, as will the fee for the scheme. This means as of 1 June 2016 members will receive one invoice for the BASIS Professional Register which will also include the fee for the FACTS Annual Scheme, rather than the two schemes being separate and invoiced at different periods.

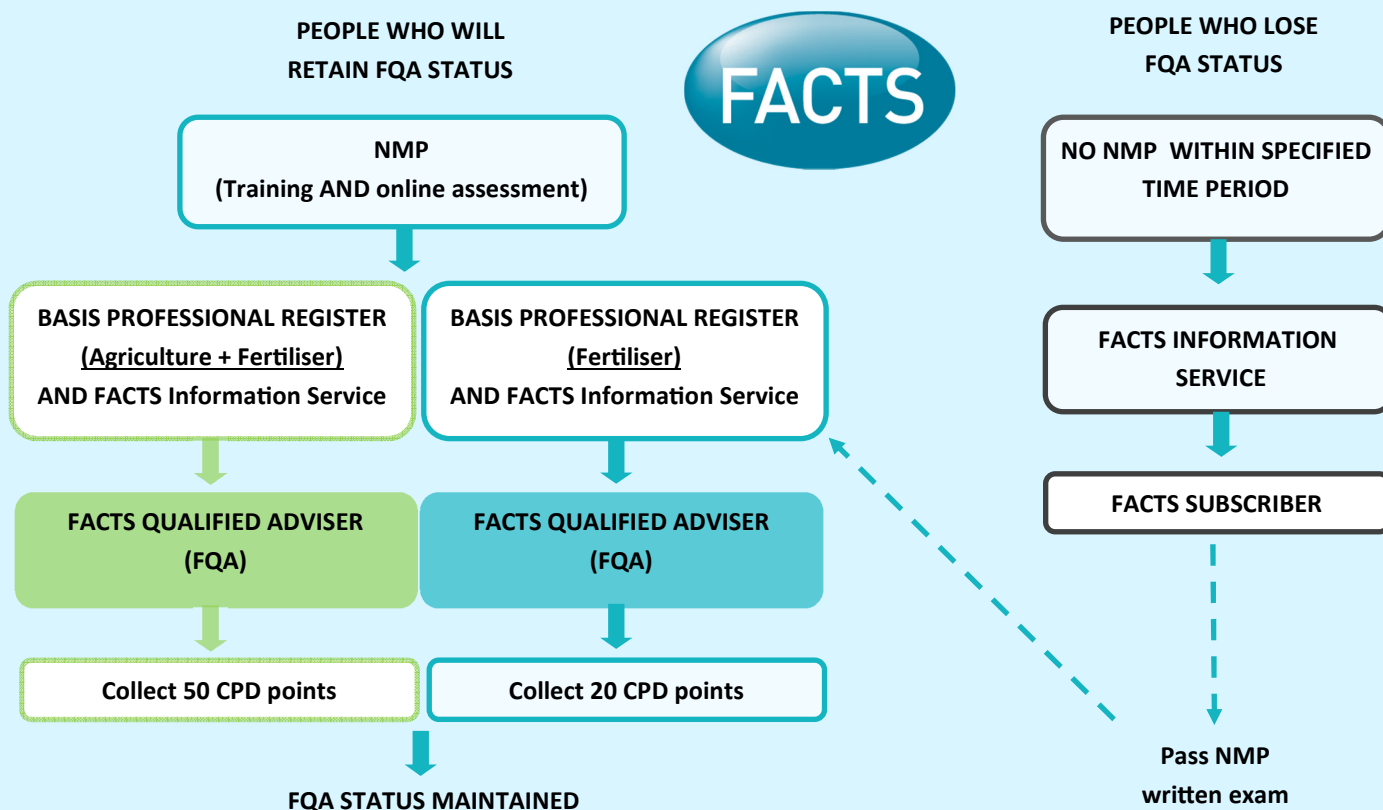
FACTS Subscribers

This is a new category for those wishing to continue to receive technical updates and to have access to the FACTS Information Service / FACTS Annual Scheme, but do not need to retain their FQA status and be a member of the BASIS Professional Register.

FACTS Subscribers will be invoiced in October 2015 for the Membership year, 01 January 2015 – 31 December 2016.

FACTS Restructure

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NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING (NMP) - key to holding onto FQA status

PEOPLE WHO WILL KEEP THEIR FACTS MEMBERSHIP

- The term **FACTS Qualified Adviser** will only be given to those who have taken the Nutrient Management Planning (NMP) training modules and online assessment. All of these people will automatically be transferred onto the BASIS Professional Register with the FQA category and will also continue to benefit from the FACTS Information Service.
- This will mean that everyone who is a FACTS Qualified Adviser will have to actively maintain their membership of the BASIS Professional Register by collecting the required CPD points in future, (20 CPD points annually for members who are on the register with Fertiliser and 50 CPD points for those with Agriculture including Fertiliser). Only FQAs can offer on-farm advice.
- All FACTS Advisers who have qualified since 2014 will have 2 years from the date of the exam to complete their NMP training modules and online assessment. FQAs who have qualified between 2012—2014 will have until December 2016 to complete the NMP training modules and online assessment.

PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR FACTS STATUS

- Anyone who has not undertaken NMP training modules and the online assessment will lose their FACTS Qualified Adviser status—these people will be FACTS Subscribers (e.g. for farmers self-advising and those not giving actual field advice). These people will no longer be able to call themselves FQAs.
- The FACTS Information Service will still be available for subscriber members (who do not wish to be on the BASIS Professional Register) but this will not allow them to keep their FQA status.