



Effective April 1, 2018

- Effective April 1, 2018, producers will need to have an EFP completion letter dated within the last 10 years to be considered current and eligible for cost-share funding with the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change programs of the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP).
 - If their completion letter is older than 10 years, the producer will need to do a new workbook and action plan.
 - If a producer cannot find their completion letter, they will need to start a new EFP to be considered current, regardless of the completion date; unless their EFP is online.
 - It is strongly recommended that producers complete the renewal process online to make future renewals easier.
 - If the producer will not renew online, then they need to complete a new binder of the latest version.
 - Technicians cannot give out completion letters without doing a full review of a new EFP (both workbook and action plan).
 - If available, the producer should use their original binder as a reference for their renewal.
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FAQs

Why is Alberta EFP instituting a renewal period?

1. Alberta is the only provincial/territorial EFP that does not have a renewal period. EFP is harmonizing nationally and we expect that all EFPs will need to harmonize their renewal period.

2. EFPs are part of sustainable sourcing programs in Canada ([potato sustainability initiative, proAction, VBP](#)). We anticipate more initiatives will use EFP as the environmental backbone of their sustainable sourcing initiatives. We will need a consistent renewal period for this to have meaning.

Who decided the renewal period would be instituted?

Alberta EFP [Stakeholder Advisory Committee](#) approved the renewal period. This Committee has final say on whether changes to the program are approved. No changes are made to the program or the content of the Workbook (or WebBook) without their approval.

What will this mean to me?

For producers: – If you want to apply for [Growing Forward/CAP](#) grants, you will need a current EFP.

– If a sustainable sourcing program requires it (e.g. the potato sustainability initiative), you will need a current EFP

For technicians: – You should expect a higher volume of EFP renewal requests.

– You should encourage producers to “beat the rush” by renewing before CAP funding becomes available.

Who can I contact?

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