



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 BUREAU OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION
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**CERTIFICATION FOR
 QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER**

**PENNSYLVANIA REALTY TRANSFER
 TAX EXEMPTION ACT 13**

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QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER – According to Act 13 of 2019, realty transfer tax shall not be imposed upon a transfer of real estate that is subject to an agricultural conservation easement when the grantee is a qualified beginner farmer. A qualified beginner farmer is defined as the following:

- 1) Has demonstrated experience in the agriculture industry or related field or has transferrable skills as determined by the Department of Agriculture.
- 2) Has not received Federal gross income from agricultural production for more than the ten most recent taxable years.
- 3) Intends to engage in agricultural production within the borders of this Commonwealth and to provide the majority of the labor and management involved in that agricultural production.
- 4) Has obtained written certification from the Department of Agriculture confirming “qualified beginner farmer” status.

CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS – Please complete the following information and mail the completed application and any supporting documents to the address listed at the top of this page.

APPLICANT – GRANTOR

APPLICANT – GRANTEE

NAME(S)			NAME(S)		
STREET ADDRESS			STREET ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SSN OR EIN#			SSN OR EIN#		

To be completed by the grantee claiming qualified beginner farmer status:

I hereby certify that I have experience in the agriculture industry or related field or other transferrable skills. Please include a form of supporting documentation including but not limited to Schedule F (Form 1040), receipts from the sale of agricultural commodities, certificates indicating farm apprenticeships, etc.

I hereby certify that I have not received Federal gross income from agricultural production for more than the ten most recent taxable years.

I hereby certify that I intend to engage in agricultural production within the borders of this Commonwealth and to provide the majority of the labor and management involved in that agricultural production.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT CLAIMING QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER STATUS

 SIGNATURE

 DATE

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED BEGINNER FARMER STATUS
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I hereby certify that the information provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture by the applicant – grantee meets the “Qualified Beginner Farmer” status as defined in Act 13 of 2019.

 SIGNATURE

 DATE