**Application checklist**

Please note that the classification of a shellfish harvesting area does not confer the right to harvest shellfish.

Permissions may also be required from other bodies (e.g. Sea Fisheries Committee, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, Crown Estate, land owner, MMO marine licence, Environmental Impact Assessment, EA, MCGA, Defra, Trinity House and the GLA).

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain these and the local authority to check that everything necessary is in place, **before the application form is submitted to the FSA.**

There is further information available on appropriate licences on the Seafish website - <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/aquaculture/aquaculture-regulatory-toolbox-for-england>

**Points to consider**

* Is fishery normally regulated or controlled (e.g covered by a Several Order, Regulating Order) or is otherwise a private fishery with exclusive rights to harvest?
* Have the necessary permissions (e.g. planning permissions) to harvest shellfish in the area for which classification requested been obtained?
* Is the area subjected to seasonal conservation controls (e.g. closed seasons by IFCA)?
* Are there any other details to consider (e.g. known or suspected pollution sources such as issues with slurry spreading, marinas, public beaches and harbours)?
* Under the Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, all applicants intending to operate a new shellfish farm are required to apply for authorisation before any development takes place. Has authorisation of the proposed farming operation been requested from the Fish Health Inspectorate (Cefas Weymouth Laboratory).
* Are there any access difficulties or restrictions (e.g. MoD land, health and safety related aspects in terms of safe access to the area, public safety and other users, which would affect harvesting/sampling?