



An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta,
Gnóthaí Réigiúnacha, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta

Department of Arts, Heritage,
Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

Application for Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme Restrictions on Turf Cutting

General Notes:

In order to compensate land owners and land users affected by the restrictions on turf cutting in designated raised bog candidate Special Areas of Conservation (cSAC) the State has put in place a cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme. This application form is in respect of the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Annuity Payment Scheme. To qualify for this scheme the applicant must be able to demonstrate the following:

1. That the applicant has a legal interest in one of the 31 Raised Bog cSACs listed on page 4. The applicant must have had sole and exclusive right to cut and remove turf from the property on 25th May 2010.
2. That the applicant has been cutting turf on the said lands during the five year period up to the 25th of May 2010 and that the turbary right/turf resource has not been exhausted.
3. That no turf cutting or associated activity is ongoing on the property or has occurred during 2011.

Qualifying applicants will be required to enter into a legal agreement with the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The Peatlands Council has been invited to review the compensation scheme and to make recommendations to the Minister. If, on foot of the Peatlands Council's recommendations, the Minister decides to amend any provision of the scheme, then such amendments will, with the agreement of the applicant, be retrospectively applied to any agreement entered into under this scheme before that date.

Relocation

As an alternative to financial payments, and where feasible, qualifying turf cutters will be facilitated in relocating to alternative non-designated sites to continue cutting turf. Please indicate on the form if you are interested in this option. Once the overall level of interest from qualifying turf cutters within a site or an area is established, further contact will be made with a view to assessing acceptable options. Applicants will receive payments under the annuity scheme until such time as alternative sites can be provided. The terms of the relocation will take account of any such payments made. Applicants will be given details of the proposed relocation site once finalised and may decide at that time to take up that option or opt out of the relocation scheme and continue with the annuity scheme.

If you have any questions regarding this form please contact Lo-Call 1890 253 147 or (053) 9117310.

Detailed Notes:

NOTE 1: Section 1 – Applicant Details:

The applicant must fill out all relevant contact details (including Eircode). All applicants must provide their PPS number (a PPS Number is a unique number that may be obtained from the Revenue Commissioners or the Department of Social Protection). Your date of birth and Mother's birth surname are required to verify the PPS Number given.

All applicants must provide details of the relevant folios under which their application is made and a map identifying clearly their bog plot or location of turbary right on the cSAC.

Applicants interested in the relocation option must indicate their interest by ticking the relevant box.

Failure to provide these details will render the application invalid and it will be returned to the applicant unprocessed.

Please see NOTE 5 for details of how to verify Title and the additional note in Section 2 of the attached form regarding applications where Title cannot be clearly shown.**

NOTE 2: Section 2 – Qualifying Criteria:

In order to qualify for the Annuity Payment Scheme, the applicant must choose a Yes or No option to each of the assertions in this section.

In that regard the applicant must have had sole and exclusive right to cut and remove turf from the property on which they are seeking compensation prior to or on 25th May 2010. Proof of Title by this date must be shown on the folio or documentation provided to prove such Title to lands/rights.

The applicant must have been cutting turf for domestic purposes, on those said lands during the previous 5 years up to the 25th of May 2010. To establish the level of turf extraction on the site the Department will refer to its records of aerial surveys taken over this period.

To qualify under the scheme for payment in 2011 turf must not have been cut from, or any associated activities carried out on, the applicant's bog plot in the year 2011 Where turf has been cut in 2011 applicants will not qualify for payment in 2011 but may qualify for payment from 2012 and payments will be restricted to a maximum of 14 years. Such applicants should apply now giving details of their situation.

Where the turbary right/turf resource has been exhausted there will be no entitlement to compensation.

Failure to complete this Section will render the application invalid and it will be returned to the applicant unprocessed.

Please also see the additional note in Section 2 of the attached form. **

NOTE 3:

The Department will carry out a site inspection to verify the details that have been provided.

Failure to provide unencumbered access to Officials/Agents of the Department to the subject lands will render the application invalid and it will be returned to the applicant unprocessed.

Site inspections will be carried out regularly to ensure that no turf cutting is taking place on the bog plot in question. Payment of compensation will be affected if turf cutting or associated activity occurs on the property.

NOTE 4:

Applicants may attach additional information or documentation, if required, in support of their application.

NOTE 5:

For applicants who do not have copies of the required documents, the contact details of the relevant authorities are listed below:

For those applicants who own Freehold (Full Unencumbered Title) or an Appurtenant Turbary Right

To obtain a certified copy of the folio with maps (title plan); contact the **Property Registration Authority (PRA)**:

- PRA, Cork Road, Waterford
Tel: (051) 303 000 or LoCall 1890 333 001
- PRA, Golf Links Road, Roscommon or
- PRA, Chancery Street, Dublin 7
Tel: (01) 670 7500 or LoCall 1890 333 001

If the turbary right is an **appurtenant turbary right** then the applicant must supply a Special Features map (also available from the Property Registration Authority) clearly showing the property outlined in red.

For those who own Turbary Rights only

If the turbary right could be from the **Irish Land Commission** or the **Congested Districts Board**, a search can be carried out to see if a **Q3 Agreement** exists in your name or your family's name. This search can be requested from **Lands Branch** at the **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)**:

Lands Branch,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM),
Farnham Street, Cavan
(Tel) (049) 4368200 or LoCall 1890 200 508

Following this search or if the Applicant already knows that the turbary right is tied to Irish Land Commission lands by **Q3 Agreement**, order the following in writing from the **Records Branch** at the **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)**, upon payment of the appropriate fee:

1. a certified copy of the **Q3 Agreement** and
2. a map of the turbary plot.

Records Branch,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM),
Unit 11, Clonminam Industrial Estate, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Tel: (057) 863 4988
or email at recordsbranch@agriculture.gov.ie

Enquiries regarding Turbary Rights received from Bord na Móna may be made to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Site Protection Unit, NPWS, Newtown Road, Wexford, Y35 AP90 Lo-Call 1890 253 147 or (053) 9117310.

SAC 1997 - 1999 – Raised Bog				
No further turf-cutting permitted				
No #	Year	Site Code	Site Name	County
1	1997	000006	Killyconny Bog (Cloghbally)	Cavan/Meath
2	1997	000231	Barroughter Bog	Galway
3	1997	000248	Cloonmoylan Bog	Galway
4	1997	000285	Kilsallagh Bog	Galway
5	1997	000296	Lisnageeragh Bog and Ballinstack Turlough	Galway
6	1997	000301	Lough Lurgeen Bog/ Glenamaddy Turlough	Galway
7	1997	000326	Shankill West Bog	Galway
8	1997	000382	Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog	Kerry
9	1997	000391	Ballynafagh Bog	Kildare
10	1997	000457	Derrynabrock Bog	Mayo/Roscommon (now part of River Moy cSAC 002298)
11	1997	000497	Flughany Bog	Mayo/Sligo
12	1997	000547	Tawnaghbeg Bog	Mayo (now part of River Moy cSAC 002298)
13	1997	000566	All Saints Bog and Esker	Offaly
14	1997	000572	Clara Bog	Offaly
15	1997	000575	Ferbane Bog	Offaly
16	1997	000580	Mongan Bog	Offaly
17	1997	000581	Moyclare Bog	Offaly
18	1997	000582	Raheenmore Bog	Offaly
19	1997	000585	Sharavogue Bog	Offaly
20	1997	000592	Bellanagare Bog	Roscommon
21	1997	000597	Carrowbehy/Caher Bog	Roscommon
22	1997	000600	Cloonchambers Bog	Roscommon
23	1997	000604	Derrinea Bog	Roscommon
24	1997	000614	Cloonshanville Bog	Roscommon
25	1997	000641	Ballyduff/Clonfinane Bog	Tipperary
26	1997	000647	Kilcarren-Firville Bog	Tipperary
27	1997	000679	Garriskil Bog	Westmeath
28	1997	001242	Carrownagappul Bog	Galway
29	1997	001818	Lough Forbes Complex	Longford/Roscommon
30	1997	002110	Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog	Galway/Roscommon
31	1999	000297	Lough Corrib	Galway/Mayo

Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme Application Form

Note – signing this Application Form is not legally binding

SECTION 1

APPLICANT DETAILS (See Note 1)

	Forename	Middle name or initial		Surname
Address:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div>			Telephone-mobile:
Eircode:				PPS Number:
	Mother's Birth Surname:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div>		
Type of	Freehold <input type="checkbox"/>			
Right Held:	Turbary Right <input type="checkbox"/>	Folio * Numbers:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px;"></div>	

*If the rights held are by way of Q3 Agreement, please indicate and attach copy

Name of Special Area of Conservation:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></div>
Site Code:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
Name of Townland where bog plot is:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
Bog plot number or bank number: <small>(You must disclose all bog plots held on designated land)</small>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
Please complete any or all of the following that apply in your case:	
Name of the person you inherited the turbary right from:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
Address of the person you inherited the turbary right from:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
When was the turbary right originally granted?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
Name of the owner who originally granted the turbary right: <small>e.g. Bord na Móna, Irish Land Commission, Estate, etc.</small>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>

Have you previously sold bog or turbary rights to the Minister?

Yes	No
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I am interested in the alternative option of relocating to a non-designated bog:

(Please tick if interested)

SECTION 2 QUALIFYING CRITERIA please circle one response for A, B & C (See Note 2)

(A) I certify that I am the legal owner of the rights attached to the above referenced folio(s)/bog plot(s) and attached map(s)	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Yes</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
(B) I certify that I have been cutting turf for domestic purposes on the lands defined on the above folio number(s)/bog plot(s) and on the attached maps during the 5 year period up to 25 th May 2010 and that the Turbary Right / turf resource has not been exhausted	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Yes</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		
(C) Has turf cutting taken place on the land subject to this application since 1 st January 2011?	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Yes</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">No</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No
Yes	No		

**** If you are unable to complete or provide all of the information required in Sections 1 & 2 but feel it would be unjust to withhold compensation, please complete this form as fully as you can, and also provide in writing specific details of your circumstances and return together with this application form. P.T.O.**

SECTION 3**DECLARATION**

I wish to apply to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Annuity Payment

I/we declare that all of the information given in this application form is true, accurate and complete and that I/we wish to apply for compensation.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Any enquiries contact 053 911 7310 or Lo Call 1890 253 147

**Closing Date for receipt of Applications:
31st December 2011**

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Application Number:

Voluntary Bog Purchase Scheme Ref:

Date Received:

29 V5 08.15

YES:

NO:

Completed Application Form should be returned to:

**Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs,
Site Protection Unit,
NPWS,
Newtown Road,
Wexford,
Y35 AP90**

The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs will treat all information and personal data you give us as confidential. However, it should be noted that information may be exchanged with other Government Departments / Agencies, in accordance with the law, such as with Lands Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to assist in verifying that the qualifying criteria of the scheme have been met.

Tá leagan Gaeilge den foirm seo ar fáil freisin
This form is also available in Irish

Payments by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme - Annual Payment

The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs **only** payment method is by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) i.e. direct payment into a bank account. The use of EFT, which replaces payment by cheque, facilitates more efficient, secure and timely payments.

Future payments will be credited to the Bank Account nominated by you and a remittance advice giving details of payment(s) will be e-mailed to your nominated e-mail address in advance of the payment date. Where no e-mail address is available, the remittance advice will be posted. **The nominated Bank Account must be in the Republic of Ireland.**

Therefore, please complete the EFT mandate form **overleaf** and return this **original** letter and completed mandate with the Application Form for the Annual Payment as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please contact the Site Protection Unit of the Department at 053-911 7310 or LoCall 1890 253 147 or email: designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie

Credit Union Accounts

For those who nominate a Credit Union Account for payment, the following details must be provided:

- Name of Account
- Credit Union Name and Address
- Account Number*
- Sort Code*
- Credit Union Reference*
- International Bank Account Number (IBAN)*

(*N.B. all these details refer to your Credit Union Account and are available from your Credit Union)

International Bank Account Number (IBAN)

The International Bank Account Number (IBAN) is an internationally agreed means of identifying bank accounts across national borders. This number can be found on a recent account statement issued by your bank or can be obtained by contacting your bank for details.

Failure to supply full Bank Account details, including your IBAN, will delay processing of any payments to be made.

Finally, you should notify the Department immediately by way of signed correspondence of any subsequent changes to the bank account or e-mail details.

Please ensure that the form overleaf is signed in the shaded area and that you provide your PPS Number.

EFT Mandate for the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme – Annual Payment

I hereby authorise that all future payments due from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs be paid to the bank account detailed below.

Applicant's Details

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Eircode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Contact Name: _____

PPS Number: _____

Bank Account Details

Name(s) of Account	
Bank/Credit Union Name	
Bank/Credit Union Address	
Bank/Credit Union Account Number	
Bank Sort Code	
Credit Union Reference Number	
International Bank Account Number (IBAN)	

Remittance notification e-mail address

E- Mail Address	
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Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

The original completed form (fax or photocopy versions not acceptable) should be returned with the completed Application Form to:

Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
Site Protection Unit,
NPWS,
Newtown Road,
Wexford,
Y35 AP90

Checklist for Completion of Application

To ensure a valid application, please check you have enclosed the following documents;

- Completed application form.
- Map identifying the location of your bog plot(s). If you do not have such maps, please see notes section for contact details of the relevant authorities where maps may be obtained.
- Completed Electronic Fund Transfer Form.

Proof of Title – Enclose ONE of the following:

- Copy of up-to-date Folio & Land Registry map(s).
Please provide a dealing number if an application is pending on Folio.
- or copy of Q3 Agreement & map.
- or letter from Bord na Móna.
- or any other such documents indicating your interest in the land in question

If any of the above items are not available and you believe you have a valid claim (see note in Section 2 of Application Form):

- A letter detailing your individual claim details. This should include details of the bog plot and the circumstances by which you claim rights to the Title of same.