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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 – Natural Heritage Areas

### **General Notes:**

In order to compensate land owners and turbary right holders affected by the restrictions on turf cutting in designated raised bog Natural Heritage Areas (NHA) the Government has extended the existing Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme. This application form is in respect of this scheme.

The annual payment available to applicants under the scheme is €1,521 (for 2014) which is index linked (from the date of commencement of the scheme) over 15 years.

To qualify for compensation under this scheme the applicant must be able to demonstrate the following:

1. That the applicant has a legal interest in one of the 36 Raised Bog NHAs listed on page 4. The applicant must have had the 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 14th January 2014 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 occurs in the year of application.

The compensation scheme is available to turf-cutters from 2014. However, turf-cutters on these sites may, if they wish, continue to cut turf until 2017 provided there is no intensification of cutting and then apply for this compensation scheme. The effective cessation date of turf cutting on the 36 NHAs is 1st January 2017 - turf-cutting on these sites may continue, subject to an individual consent provided by the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, until this date. Turf-cutters who wish to continue turf-cutting must obtain individual consents from the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Consent application forms may be obtained on request from Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Site Protection Unit, NPWS, Newtown Road, Wexford Lo-Call 1890 253 147 or (053) 9117310, or [designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie)

In due course, qualifying applicants will be required to enter into a legal agreement with the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. A once-off incentive payment of €500 will be made upon signature of this agreement by the applicant and on behalf of the Minister.

If you have any questions regarding this form please contact Lo-Call 1890 253 147 or (053) 9117310 or email [designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie)

### **Relocation**

As an alternative to financial compensation, and, where feasible, qualifying turf cutters will be facilitated in relocating to alternative non-designated sites to continue cutting turf. If you are interested in this option please tick the appropriate box on the application form.

While relocation sites are being identified, investigated and made ready for use for domestic turf cutting, qualifying applicants may opt to receive the financial payment available under the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme or to receive a delivery of 15 tonnes of cut turf per annum. Where applicants opt for the delivery of 15 tonnes of cut turf per annum, there is flexibility for the provision of more than 15 tonnes of cut turf where more than one household in the same family has sourced its turf from the bog plot and the total cut is more than 15 tonnes per annum. The terms of the relocation will take account of any such compensation made.

### **Detailed Notes:**

#### **NOTE 1: Section 1 – Applicant Details:**

The applicant must fill out all relevant contact details (including Eircode). All applicants must provide their Personal Public Service Number (PPS Number) (this is a unique number that may be obtained from the Revenue Commissioners or the Department of Social Protection). Date of birth of the applicant 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 applications are made and a map identifying clearly their bog plot or location of turbary right on the NHA.

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 legal ownership/interest and the additional note in Section 2 of the attached form regarding applications where legal ownership/interest cannot be clearly shown.\*\****

#### **NOTE 2: Section 2 – Qualifying Criteria:**

To qualify for the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme, the applicant must choose a Yes or No option to each of the assertions in this section.

In that regard applicants must have had the right to cut and remove turf from the property on which they are seeking compensation on 25th May 2010. Details of such a right held by/on this date must be shown on the folio or other supporting documentation provided.

The applicant must have been cutting turf for domestic purposes on the said lands during the 5 year period up to 14th January 2014. To assist in verifying whether there has been turf cutting on the site, the Department will refer to its records of aerial surveys taken over this period.

Where the turbary right/turf resource has been exhausted, the applicant does not fulfil the relevant qualifying criterion of the Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme.

**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 may 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 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 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 may have been received 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**, please 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](mailto: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 Lo-Call 1890 253 147 or (053) 9117310 or at [designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:designated.bogs@ahg.gov.ie)

**Natural Heritage Areas (designated 2004)**  
**Category 1**  
**Turf Cutting to end from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017**

Site Name	Site Code	County	Category
Aghnamona Bog NHA	000422	Leitrim, Longford	1
Anna More Bog NHA	000333	Kerry	1
Arragh More Bog NHA	000640	Tipperary	1
Aughrim Bog NHA	001227	Galway	1
Ayle Lower Bog NHA	000993	Clare	1
Ballygar Bog NHA	000229	Galway	1
Ballymacegan Bog NHA	000642	Tipperary	1
Ballynagrenia and Ballinderry Bog NHA *	000674	Westmeath	1
Bracklagh Bog NHA	000235	Galway	1
Cangort Bog NHA	000890	Offaly & Tipperary	1
Carbury Bog NHA	001388	Kildare	1
Carrickynaghtan Bog NHA*	001623	Roscommon	1
Cashel Bog (Leitrim) NHA	001405	Leitrim	1
Castle Ffrench East Bog NHA	001244	Galway	1
Castle Ffrench West Bog NHA *	000280	Galway	1
Cloncrow Bog (New Forest) NHA	000677	Westmeath	1
Clonydonnin Bog NHA	000565	Westmeath	1
Daingean Bog NHA	002033	Offaly	1
Derrinlough Bog NHA	001254	Galway	1
Girley Bog NHA	001580	Meath	1
Hawkswood Bog NHA	002355	Offaly	1
Keeloges Bog NHA*	000281	Galway	1
Lough Derravaragh NHA	000684	Westmeath	1
Lough Garr NHA	001812	Westmeath	1
Lough Kinale and Derragh Lough NHA	000985	Longford, Cavan & Westmeath	1
Lough Tee Bog NHA*	000307	Galway	1
Loughanilloon Bog NHA	001020	Clare	1
Milltownpass Bog NHA	002323	Westmeath	1
Monaincha Bog/Ballaghmore Bog NHA	000652	Tipperary, Laois	1
Moorfield Bog/Farm Cottage NHA	000221	Galway	1
Mount Jessop Bog NHA	001450	Longford	1
Raford River Bog NHA	000321	Galway	1
Rinn River NHA*	000691	Leitrim, Longford	1
River Little Brosna Callows NHA*	000564	Offaly	1
Scohaboy Bog NHA	000937	Tipperary	1
Wooddown Bog NHA	000694	Westmeath	1

\* 7 sites which have been divided with part of them to be de-designated and part conserved

# 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 Property Registration Authority Folio & 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. This should include details of the bog plot and the circumstances by which you claim rights over same.

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

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# Cessation of Turf Cutting Compensation Scheme Application Form

Note – signing this Application Form is not legally binding  
Natural Heritage Areas (NHA)

## SECTION 1 APPLICANT DETAILS (See Note 1)

Forename	Middle name or initial	Surname
Address:	Telephone-mobile:	
	PPS Number:	
	Date of Birth:	
Eircode:	Mother's Birth Surname:	
Type of Freehold <input type="checkbox"/>	Email Address:	
Right Held: Turbary Right <input type="checkbox"/>	Folio * Numbers:	

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

Name of Natural Heritage Area:

Site Code (See Page 4):

Name of Townland where bog plot is:

Bog plot number or bank number:   
(You must disclose all bog plots held on designated land)

**Please complete any or all of the following that apply in your case:**

Name of the person you inherited the turbary right from:

Address of the person you inherited the turbary right from:

When was the turbary right originally granted?

Name of the owner who originally granted the turbary right:  
e.g. Bord na Móna, Irish Land Commission, Estate, etc.

**Have you previously sold bog or turbary rights to the Minister?**  Yes  No

**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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 and that the Turbary Right / turf resource has not been exhausted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(C) Has turf cutting taken place on the land subject to this application since 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2014?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:  
31<sup>st</sup> of December 2017**

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Application Number:

Voluntary Bog Purchase Scheme Ref:

Date Received:

NHA V5 02.17

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](mailto: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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eircode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PPS Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Account Details**

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

**Remittance notification e-mail address**

<b>E- Mail Address</b>	
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**Applicant's Signature:** 

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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