

# Climate Action Performance Payment Scheme & Climate Resilient Reforestation Pilot Scheme



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## Topics-

- Climate Action Performance Payment Scheme  
CAPP
- Climate Resilient Reforestation Pilot Scheme
- *Further information on these schemes are available on DAFM website*

# Forestry Schemes

**Native Forests** (Forest Type 1)

**Forests for Water** (Forest Type 2)

**Forests on Public Lands** (Forest Type 3)

**NeighbourWoods** (Forest Type 4)

**Emergent Forests** (Forest Type 5)

**Pure Broadleaves - oak or beech** (Forest Type 6)

**Other Broadleaves** (Forest Type 7)

**Agroforestry** (Forest Type 8)

**Seed Orchards** (Forest Type 9)

**Continuous Cover Forestry** (Forest Type 10)

**Mixed High Forests with conifers and broadleaves** (Forest Type 11)

**Mixed High Forests with spruce and broadleaves** (Forest Type 12)

# Additional support measures

- Fencing Grant
- Deer Tree Shelter, Hare and Deer Fencing Scheme
- Environment Report Grant
- Woodland Environmental Fund

# Existing forests

- Woodland Improvement Scheme 2023-2027
- Native Woodland Conservation Scheme 2023-2027
- Forest Roads Scheme 2023-2027
- Deer Tree Shelter, Hare and Deer Fencing Scheme
- Reconstitution Ash Dieback Scheme 2023–2027
- Climate Action Performance Payment - ash dieback
- Climate Resilient Reforestation Pilot Scheme

# Climate Action Performance Payment Scheme

- A payment of €5,000/ha, paid in 3 instalments
  - 1 x instalment of €2500
  - 2 x instalments of €1,250
  - (*payments are exempt from income tax but are liable for PRSI & USC, )*
- Only to grant aided Ash forest owners, who clear & replant their sites through one of the Ash Dieback Reconstitution Schemes are eligible
- Only current owner can apply

# Ash Dieback Reconstitution Schemes to qualify for CAPP

- Reconstitution Scheme Ash Dieback 2013
- Reconstitution & Underplanting Scheme (Ash Dieback) 2020
- Interim Reconstitution Scheme for Ash Dieback 2023
- Reconstitution for Ash Dieback Scheme 2023-2027

# Who is entitled to claim the payment

- All Forest Owners who:-
  - Currently own an Ash forest that was established through grant aid.
  - Either have or will clear their Ash and replant
- **NB/** Ash planted as an additional broadleaf component in conifer plots is not eligible
- **NB/** Owners must enter an Ash Dieback Reconstitution Scheme before the end of 2027 to be considered for CAPP



# How to apply for CAPP instalments

- A registered forester is not required to apply for payments
- Apply online through [www.agfood.ie](http://www.agfood.ie)
- The scheme opened for applications on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- Dept. Agriculture, Food & Marine (Forestry Division) will commence payments before the end of the year
- For owners who cannot apply online, contact DAFM (Forestry Division)  
[forestry.cappayments@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:forestry.cappayments@agriculture.gov.ie)

# Climate Resilient Reforestation Pilot Scheme

- 3 options for forest owners considering a move to close to nature forest management at reforestation stage. The options are arranged under 3 elements:
  - Element 1: Reforestation for Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF)
  - Element 2: Reforestation for Native Forests
  - Element 3: Reforestation for Biodiversity & Water

*(Pilot Scheme – annual funding limit of 525 ha)*

# Reforestation for Continuous Cover Forestry

- The planting and management of the replacement forest using CCF principals and practices.
- Grant and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) rates:
  - Grant: **€1,800/ha**
  - PES: **€150/ha for 7 years**

# Reforestation for Native Forests

- The replacement of the existing conifer crop with native forest (Native Forest Framework)
- The new native forest will be permanent and managed under CCF principals
- Grant and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) rates:
- | High Ecological Priority Areas     | All Other Sites             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Grant: <b>€4,000/ha</b>          | <b>€2,225/ha</b>            |
| • PES: <b>€500/ha* for 7 years</b> | <b>€150/ha* for 7 years</b> |

# Reforestation for Biodiversity & Water

- The creation of a semi-natural zone to provide protection to water and enhance biodiversity.
- Grant and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) rates:
  - Grant: **€2,500/ha**
  - PES: **€350/ha for 7 years**

# Applying

- Apply through a registered forester
- More than one element can be applied for on the site, but they must be in individual plots
- The maximum area per application is 12 ha.  
Applications for Element 3 are limited to an area  $\leq$  5ha
- One application can be made per forest owner per year

# Felling Licence

- Have a valid Felling Licence
- or**
- Have applied to DAFM for a Felling Licence
  - Must provide the TFL reference number in your application
  - Changes to replanting options – i.e. species selection may be required

# Scenarios that are ineligible for the scheme

- Where an owner proposes to thin their forest – only for clearfells
- If the land is subject to a replanting order
- If the forest has suffered from fire damage
- If the forest has already been clearfelled



# Scenarios that may be eligible under the scheme

- Have a felling Licence but not yet clearfelled it may be possible to change the replanting species to join the scheme if it is not a material change:
  - – contact DAFM felling section. Make reference in your application that you contacted the felling section

# Scenarios that may be eligible under the scheme

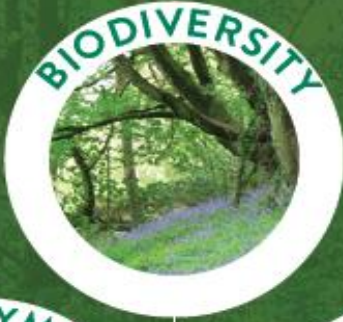
- Requested a change of species on the felling licence, but it would be a material change:
  - – must apply for a new felling licence with details of the new planting species

# Scenarios that may be eligible under the scheme

- Have not received a decision on the felling licence, but want to change the replanting species selection so as to be accepted on to the scheme:
  - - Contact the felling section with the proposed change of species

# Not accepted to the scheme

- If the replanting species have been changed but the owner is not accepted to the Climate Resilient Reforestation Scheme then it may be possible to change back to the original replanting.



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