

Forestry Grant Scheme



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Scotland's woodlands and forests are a vital national resource and play an important role in rural development and sustainable land use.

As well as helping to reduce the impacts of climate change and providing timber for industry, our forests enhance and protect the environment and provide opportunities for public enjoyment.

The Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) will support:

- the creation of new woodlands – contributing towards the Scottish Government target of 10,000 hectares of new woodlands per year
- the sustainable management of existing woodlands

During the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014–2020, £252 million will be available through this scheme.

You can apply for support under eight categories:

- two for the creation of woodland
- six for management of existing woodland

Within some of these categories, there is a range of funding options which relate to specific types of project or work.

Full scheme guidance

Before you apply for grants under the Forestry Grant Scheme, please read the option guidance to ensure that your application meets the eligibility rules for the options you are applying for and to ensure that you submit all required documents.

Applications for the Forestry Grant Scheme are online only and you first need to be registered with Rural Payments and Services.

[Full scheme guidance](#)

Updates

Updates in the last month

December 2018

- We've updated the guidance for [Harvesting and Processing](#)

November 2018

- We've updated the guidance for Bracken Control

Woodland Creation

[Woodland Creation](#) – to get information about:

- grant support
- target areas
- general eligibility criteria
 - use of woodland strategies
 - suitability of tree species
 - woodland operational plan
 - mapping standards
 - landlords consent
- supporting information required with your application
- large scheme area thresholds
- individual option details

The nine options in this category:

- Conifer
- Diverse Conifer
- Broadleaves
- Native Scots Pine
- Native Upland Birch
- Native Broadleaves
- Native Low Density
- Small or Farm Woodland
- Northern and Western Isles

Agroforestry

[Agroforestry](#) – the two options in this category support creation of small scale woodlands on agricultural pasture or forage land. This will allow for an integrated approach to land management where there is a mix of trees and sheep grazing.

Each option relates to how many trees you want to plant:

- 400 trees per hectare
- 200 trees per hectare

Woodland Improvement Grant

[Woodland Improvement Grant](#) – to get information about grant support, general eligibility criteria and individual option details.

There are five options in this category. These aim to support forest management, activity to enhance the environment and the public's enjoyment of existing woodlands.

- Planning: this covers
 - Long Term Forest Plan
 - Forest Plan Renewal
 - Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT) Urban Woodland Management Plan
 - Woodland Grazing Plan
 - Deer Management Plan

- Habitats and Species
- Restructuring Regeneration
- Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS)
- Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT)

Sustainable Management of Forests

[Sustainable Management of Forests](#) – to get information about grant support, general eligibility criteria and individual option details.

There are nine options in this category. These aim to support the management of existing forests and woodlands with a high environmental value.

- Native Woodlands
- Livestock Exclusion
- Woodland Grazing
- Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS)
- Public Access WIAT
- Public Access Rural Woods
- Species Conservation: this option has three sub-options
 - Grey Squirrel Control
 - Predator Control for Capercaillie and Black Grouse
 - Reducing Deer Impact

Tree Health

[Tree Health](#) – supports the protection of woodland from the impacts of non-routine tree pests or diseases.

Activity supported includes:

- the provision of competent agents' services
- tree removal of relevant tree or host species
- replacement planting

Harvesting and Processing

[Harvesting and Processing](#) – this category supports the development of the small-scale premium softwood and hardwood processing sector.

Funding can provide support for equipment to increase harvesting in small, undermanaged woods.

Forest Infrastructure

[Forest Infrastructure](#) – this category supports forest access in small-scale or undermanaged woodlands.

Forestry Co-operation

[Forestry Co-operation](#) – this category supports key 'landscape scale' projects involving a number of landowners.

Contact

If you have any questions about this scheme, please get in touch with Scottish Forestry.

[Contact us](#)

Scheme delivery

This scheme is delivered through:

