



GLOS Release 26

Purpose

This information note provides a summary for users of the Grants and Licences online service on new functionality and system enhancements, following the update of 16-17 September 2010.

Release 26 details

Table 1 – Release 26 changes

Changes	Affected users
Changes to allow input of the new Woodland Creation grants	FC staff, management planners, applicants/agents
Streamlining measures to speed input of cases	FC staff, management planners
Ability to search for cases by CRN	FC staff, management planners, agents
Change to Ordnance Survey wording on maps	FC staff, applicants/agents
Improvements to system speed	FC staff, management planners, applicants/agents
Changes to reports	FC staff

Changes to allow input of the new Woodland Creation grants.

Changes have been made to the GLOS database to prepare for the input of the new 'Woodland Creation grants', as follows:

A new indicative work type of '**Woodland Creation project**' will be available in grant application screens and a new objective of '**climate change**' is added for the feature category of new planting within the management plan screens.

An '**add new planting**' button has been created in the management plan operations screen which will take you into a separate screen where all new planting operations are to be



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entered. When entering operations, grant type, situation and operation group will default to **'new planting'**.

There are 7 grant types (5 planting operations and 2 types of maintenance operation) in the operation field. The plants per ha figure will default according to the operation chosen. current species, and other validations, will continue to apply to this screen.

Species, source and plants per ha fields will not be used for maintenance grants. The screen also contains fields to indicate application for grants from the Agriculture Department (Please note: ILP has been changed to Woodland Creation Premium (WCP) with new rates, which will be calculated when the operation is submitted)

Tip: Use the **copy operation** button at the bottom of the new screen to enter operations. For example, entering further maintenance operations.

A new key will appear in the management plan and contract reports, reflecting the appearance of the new grants on maps. There will also be **updated terms and conditions** in the contract which will reflect the changes in grant names.

Please note: Full information on the new grants will be available within the next few weeks, but any fencing grant available in conjunction with new planting grants will be processed as a Woodland Improvement grant and input into screens as at present. Guidance on how to process Woodland Creation cases will be provided to FC staff, and planners who register to act as Woodland Creation project officers. FC Wales will be contacting applicants with current cases which contain new planting operations that could be transferred into the new grants.

Streamlining measures to speed input of cases.

Alterations have been made in the database to reflect changes, which were previously agreed, to speed up the processing of cases:

Changes to **foundation plan** screens: **plan background** still requires text in each box, but this should be kept to a minimum (the system just has to validate that something appears in the fields). Check boxes for **factor** or **desired characteristic** will be 'greyed out' in the issues description screen. **PAWS** and **CCF assessments** have been removed from the drop down in the specialist assessment screen for new cases. There will be no facility to upload a stakeholder report.

Changes to **management plan screens**: **tree stocking, terrain and soil type** fields have been removed from the sub-compartment details screen. This applies to both new and previously input cases.

Please note: If a stakeholder report already exists on a case, the **view stakeholder report** button will appear in both the foundation plan and management plan screens. Likewise, if PAWS or CCF assessments exist on cases, they will remain. **CCF and PAWS checkboxes** still appear in the sub-compartment details screen.

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The **score form tab** in the management plan screens has been removed.

Ability to search for cases by CRN.

A new field has been added to the **quick search** block in the search all cases screen to enable cases to be found by CRN.

Change to Ordnance Survey wording on maps.

There has been a small alteration to the wording in the Ordnance Survey text displayed on maps in reports.

Improvements to system speed.

Some background work on database indexes, and the way the system holds and retrieves reports should improve system performance. The problem with saving and validating large cases should be improved by this, and future planned improvements should further enhance performance.

Changes to reports.

Apart from appearing in management plan and contract reports, the FIN 01 and FIN 04 reports will now include figures relating to the new grants. New grants will also appear on EU reporting in the same way as other new planting grants.

The change to data shown on the **pgd file** has now been implemented. Cases containing Woodland Creation grants should now also be included.

A previous problem with the way financial years were displayed on the overclaim **CRN/EU** report has been rectified.