

National Forest Land Scheme

Application Form for
Non-Governmental
Organisation applying
for the Sponsored Sale
of Surplus Land

Application Form

Introduction

Please read the relevant parts of the National Forest Land Scheme Guidance before completing this form. See www.forestry.gov.uk/nfls for the guidance and further information.

Please answer all the questions. You can attach additional information as extra sheets or electronic documents. Please be specific. When answering the questions do not repeat any information you have already given, simply refer to an earlier answer or attached document.

You can complete this form electronically but you must print it off and send us a signed form. If you have completed the form electronically, please also send us an electronic copy. You can choose to send your supporting documents as electronic documents only.

Please return the completed form and supporting documentation to:

National Forest Land Scheme Team
Forestry Commission Scotland
231 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh
EH12 7AT

E-mail: fcscotland@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

You will receive an e-mail within 7 days acknowledging receipt of your application. We may need to ask you for more information during the application process.

Section 1 – About your organisation

General Contact Details for your Organisation		
1.1 Name of Non-Governmental Organisation		
Full postal address for your organisation		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone	Fax	
E-mail		
Your organisation's website		
1.2 Title and full name of the main contact in your organisation		
Title	First Name	Surname
Position held in your organisation		
Address for correspondence, if different from the organisation address		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone		
E-mail		

Section 2 – The land that you want to acquire

2.1 Please give the name and location of the land you want to acquire.

You must attach a map clearly showing the land and outlining the boundaries in red (Forestry Commission Scotland will provide you with a copy of the map that you can submit).

2.2 What is the size of the property in hectares?

Hectares

2.3 Do you wish to lease , or own the land? Please tick one only

Lease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.4 Please describe how your organisation has a legitimate connection with the land.

The Non-Governmental Organisation must be able to demonstrate that the national forest land being purchased is central to the delivery of its main objectives. 300 words maximum.

2.5 Tell us why your organisation wants to acquire the land?

Please give a brief outline of your plans for the land including the long-term objectives you wish to achieve, and how you will manage the land differently. 300 words maximum.

Section 3 – Demonstrating Community Support

3.1 How has the local community been consulted on the proposed purchase?

Please provide evidence of the community consultation carried out and how any issues raised by the community have been addressed.

Section 4 – Capacity to Manage Land

You must be able to show that the organisation has the capacity to sustainably manage the land in the long term.

4.1 Business Plan

For all applications to buy land with a market value of more than £50,000 a business plan will be required.

4.2 Business Plan attached

Yes – please tick

No – please tick

4.3 Please tell us how your organisation has the capacity to manage the land.

Maximum 300 words. Please attach any additional documents.

Section 5 – Showing that your plans for the land will provide additional benefit, are consistent with the principles of sustainable development, and are in the public interest.

Acquisition should achieve a range of additional public benefits for the community. These can be as economic, social and environmental benefits (but may not involve all of these). The benefits will come from your planned activities and outputs. In addition the land to be acquired should be sustainably used or developed. See Criteria 6 and 7, pp13-14.

5.1 What economic benefits will the land acquisition deliver?

300 words maximum.

5.2 What social benefits will the acquisition bring?

300 words maximum.

5.3 What environmental benefits will the project bring?

300 words maximum.

5.4 Tell us how you will deliver these economic, environmental, or social benefits.

What projects or outputs will bring these benefits about?

Tell us about the capital costs involved in the delivery of the projects, and how these will be met. Please refer to any plans or other documents you are submitting. Please also identify the risk of the project not delivering, and how these risks will be managed. Please attach any additional documents. 300 words maximum.

5.5 Do you intend to apply to have forest land independently certified eg under the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme?

Yes – please tick		No – please tick	
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5.6 What negative economic, social, or environmental consequences (if any) may occur as a result of your plans for the land?

5.7 How would you propose to minimise these?

5.8 Links to other strategies

How will your plans support or compliment local/regional/national strategies?

The application should take into account local strategies and community plans. 100 words maximum.

5.9 It will be helpful to show that you have gained the support of key stakeholders and user groups for your proposals, including site users from outwith the immediate community.

You can show this through letters of support from local authorities, relevant government agencies, and local community groups. Please submit any letters of support or endorsements with your application and record them on the checklist.

Finishing Your Application

Applicant Signature

An official of the applicant organisation should sign this declaration. It must be a different person to the main contact given in Section 1.

Part of the information that you give us will be held electronically. It will be used for administering and analysing applications.

I declare that:

The information given in this application and in any other documentation that supports this application is accurate.

Title	First Name	Surname
Position held in your organisation		
Date	Signature	

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