

CHAPTER 14

Reforestation Grant Scheme

14.1 Scope

This scheme applies to land replanted following a clearfell of non commercial timber. The applicant must have an up to date felling licence to carry out the clearfell. No grant aid is available under this scheme where a commercial crop of timber has been felled.

14.2 Silviculture

Similar silvicultural standards and environmental guidelines apply as in the afforestation scheme. On infertile reforestation soils delay windrowing after clearfell until the lop and top has lost its leaf litter. As far as it is practical do not remove leaf litter to windrows as its nutrient content may be required by the reforested transplants.

The environmental consultation process is outlined in table 18, Chapter 11.

14.3 Application Procedure

14.3.1 Approval

Before work commences on site written approval from the Forest Service must first issue. The following should be submitted to the Forest Service:

- Form 1 (signed by the applicant and an approved forester)
- Certified Species Map (as defined in Chapter 10)
- Location map, 1:50,000 discovery series

Following a satisfactory site inspection from a Forest Service Inspector written approval with recommendations will issue.

14.3.2 1st installment payment

Following completion of the site works, the following should be submitted to the Forest Service:

- Form 2 (signed by the applicant and the approved forester)
- Certified Species Map (as defined in Chapter 10)
- Location map, 1:50,000 discovery series
- Statement of Costs (1st installment formation works only)
- Invoice(s). Where works are carried out by the applicant a statement of the costs claimed for his/her own labour must be provided detailing the hours worked and cost per hour (See template Appendix 21).
- Current tax clearance certificate(s) or a C 2 Certificate for contractor(s) used
- Provenance Declaration Form (see Chapter 9 and Appendix 1)
- A valid Mandate (where the grant is mandated to a contractor or bank). The requirements for mandates are listed in Appendix 2 and sample Mandates are included at Appendix 3 and 3A.

75% of the grant is due at this stage.

14.3.3 2nd installment payment

Four years after payment of 1st installment the site will be due for the remaining 25% of the grant after successful establishment. At this stage a completed Form 3 should be submitted.

14.4 Grant rates

€ 1015.79/ ha for broadleaves. € 634.87 / ha for conifers.

The grant is paid in two installments, 75% after planting and 25% four years later.
No premiums are paid on reforestation sites.