How to claim Small Woodland Grant Scheme on your Single Application

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Small Woodland Grant Scheme Application

Please note that before completing this application form you should familiarise yourself with the Scheme Information Booklet and any Supplementary Scheme Information by clicking here Forest Service website or enter the web address https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/daera-forestry-grants.

1. To begin your application to claim for the Small Woodland Grant Scheme on your Single Application, go to the DAERA online services website and you will arrive at the 'Landing Page'. Please click here <u>DAERA online services</u> <u>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)</u> or enter website address https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/daera-online-services. From here you can proceed to DAERA's online services screen by selecting 'Login to DAERA's online services'.

Before you start

DAERA need to be sure that your privacy is being protected and your data is secure. DAERA need to know it's you (not someone pretending to be you), in order to ensure your information is safe. You must therefore apply for authorisation and verify your identity before any information can be accessed on your DAERA online services. Once you have applied for access, it is your responsibility to keep your DAERA online services account details safe and secure.

Login to DAERA's online services 😑 🗦

Additional information



To access DAERA Online Services you can choose to register/log in with nidirect or Government Gateway.

2. Select the Government Gateway Option (GG Sign in / register):



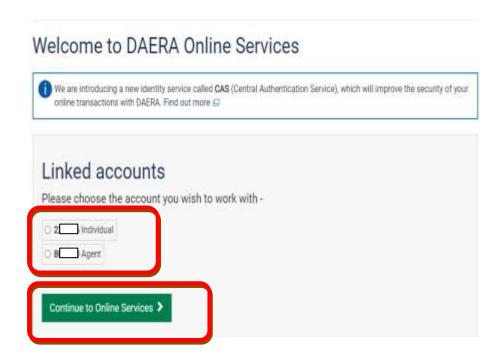
3. Enter your farm businesses Government Gateway 12 digit number: xxxxxxxxxx & your password. Then select sign in.



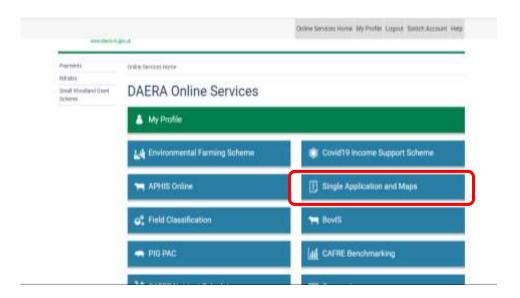
4. If you are an agent, please select which account you wish to use.

For example, Individual farm business account or an Agent account (if you are a farmer agent submitting the application on behalf of a farm business) and then click the 'Continue to Online Services' button.

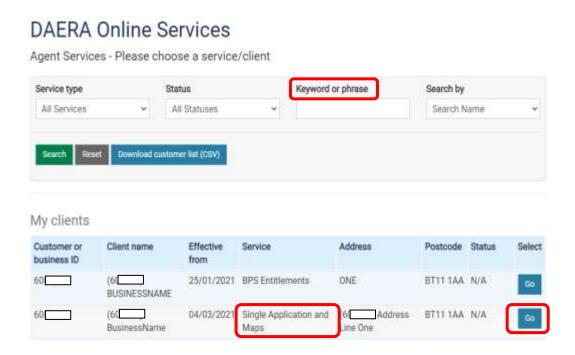
If you are an individual, please see point 5.



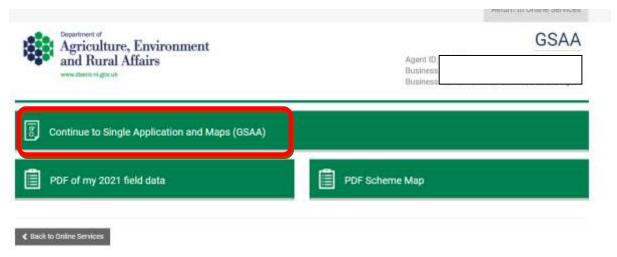
5. If you select 'individual' or you do not have an agent completing your application, you will then be directed to the DAERA online services screen. Select Single Application and Maps.



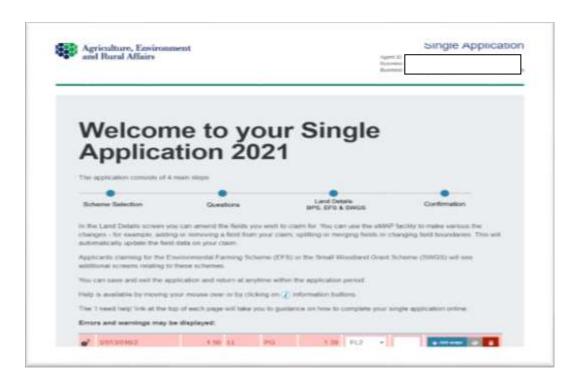
Please note that if you have selected 'Agent' you will need to enter the Business ID in the 'Keyword or Phrase' search box and then select the 'Go' button beside the farm businesses' name under the Service column for 'Single Application and Maps'.



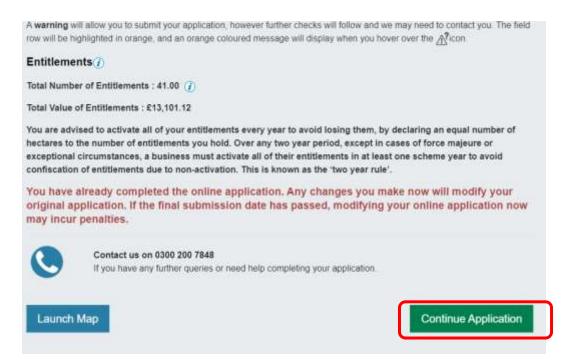
6. Select 'Continue to Single Application and Maps'



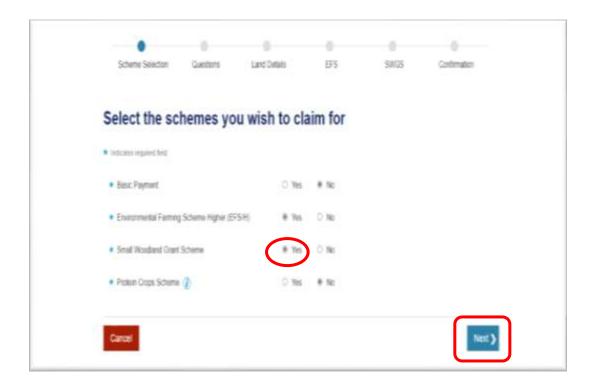
7. Begin your Application.



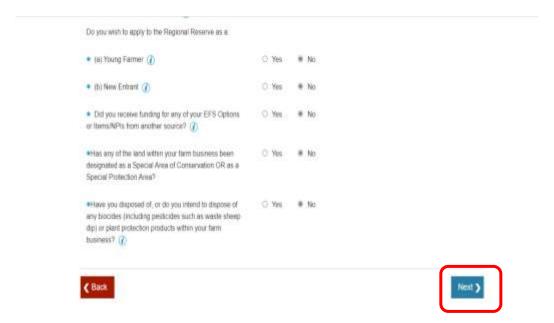
8. Once you have read 'Welcome / Welcome back' screen select continue application.



9. Please answer all the questions selecting the schemes that you wish to apply for. Note that you will not be able to continue the application until all required fields have been completed. Please select 'Yes' if you wish to apply for the Small Woodland Grant Scheme. Click 'Next' at the bottom right hand corner of the online Single Application.



10. Please ensure that you answer the following questions and select 'Next' at the bottom right hand corner of the online Single Application.



11. Please complete your Field Data / Land Details in relation to the Basic Payment Scheme as necessary, remembering to ensure that you save any changes before continuing your application. Please select 'Next' at the bottom right hand corner to continue.



12. If you have made an application to EFS, you will see the details of your EFS Scheme agreement and note that part of the EFS agreement data is prepopulated. Please ensure that you enter the eligible amount you wish to claim for the EFS Scheme on the data table. Once you have completed your EFS Scheme claim, save any changes before continuing your SAF application. Please select 'Next' at the bottom right hand corner of the online Single Application to continue to the Small Woodland Grant Scheme.

If you have not made an application to EFS, then this screen will not show.





13. You are now in the Small Woodland Grant Scheme online application screen. Note that some of your Small Woodland Scheme Agreement data has been pre-populated. However, please ensure that you enter the eligible amount you wish to claim for in the data table.



Small Woodland Grant Scheme Claim

Commitment Period: 01/03/2021 - 28/02/2041 Claim year: 1

Establishment Grant

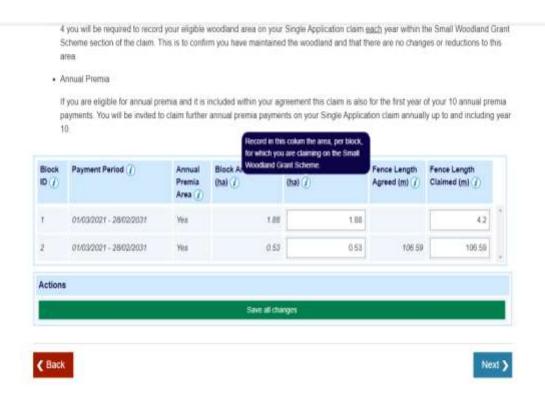
This claim is for the first instalment (80%) of establishment grant. If your agreement includes fencing that you are claiming for this must also be claimed in year 1. The block area has been prepopulated to match your agreement, if you have planted less, you must adjust your claim area down to avoid any over declaration.

You will be invited to claim the second instalment of establishment grant (20%) in year 5. Although there is no payment for years 2, 3 or 4 you will be required to record your eligible woodland area on your Single Application claim each year within the Small Woodland Grant Scheme section of the claim. This is to confirm you have maintained the woodland and that there are no changes or reductions to this area.

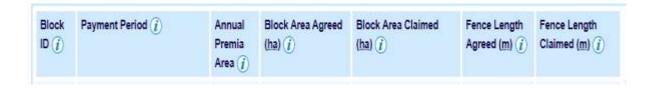
Annual Premia

If you are eligible for annual premia and it is included within your agreement this claim is also for the first year of your 10 annual premia payments. You will be invited to claim further annual premia payments on your Single Application claim annually up to and including year 10.





The table below for an explanation of the information in each column is explained.



BLOCK ID	This is the block identification number for each block of woodland applied for.
PAYMENT PERIOD	This is a 5 year period for blocks with establishment grant only and is a 10 year period for blocks eligible for annual premia.
ANNUAL PREMIA AREA	Confirms whether the block is eligible for annual premia.
BLOCK AREA AGREED (ha)	This is the approved area for planting as shown on your SWGS agreement.

BLOCK AREA CLAIMED (ha)	Record in this colum the area, per block, for which you are claiming on the Small Woodland Grant Scheme.		
FENCE LENGTH AGREED (m)	This is the approved area for fencing as shown on your SWGS agreement.		
FENCE LENGTH CLAIMED (m)	Record in this colum the length of fencing, per block, for which you are claiming on the Small Woodland Grant Scheme.		

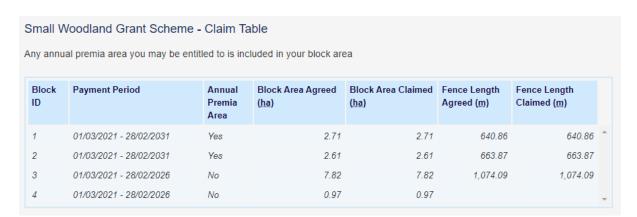
14. Please also ensure that you save all changes once you have completed the Small Woodland Grant Scheme data table. Once you have claimed your eligible areas please select 'Next' at the bottom right hand corner of the online Single Application to continue to the 'Confirmation and Claim Summary screen'.



15. Finally you will arrive at the confirmation and claim summary screen which will give a summary of your Single Application.



Here you will be able to see a summary of your Single Application including details of your Small Woodland Grant Scheme.



Please check that your online summary is correct and when satisfied please ensure that you read and agree to the declaration at the bottom of this page.

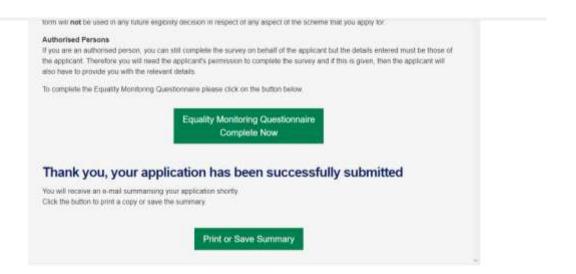
You can read the declarations by selecting the 'declarations' button.



Once you have read the declarations and are content that you have checked your application click on the small square box and a tick will appear to confirm you have read and agreed to the declarations.



Please select 'Submit my application'. Please wait a few seconds and you will then be presented with a voluntary Equality Monitoring Questionnaire and confirmation that your application has been successfully submitted.



An email will be issued to the farm businesses email address with a summary of the application. You may also print or save a copy of this summary as you wish.

Please check the email and summary carefully to ensure you have completed your application correctly. If you have any queries you can contact us on:

0300 200 7848

Or email us at:

areabasedscheme@daera-ni.gov.uk



