

**NPI Name:** Post and rail fencing

**NPI Code:** PRF

**NPI Payment:** Year 1: £18.00 per m

**NPI Aim(s):** To facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and contribute to the protection of soil and water.

**Scheme Applicability:** Wider – EFS(W)  Higher – EFS(H)  Group – EFS(G)

**This NPI is:** Permanent  Rotational

**NPI Description and Outcome:** 'Post and rail fencing' is eligible where it will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and is included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). 'Post and rail fencing' will control grazing livestock, protect environmental features and facilitate implementation of the ssRMP. 'Post and rail fencing' will normally be restricted to access routes to the farmyard and farmyard boundaries.

**Length Permitted:** Minimum 1 m Maximum Not Applicable\*

\*DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

**Requirements and Controls:**

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type <sup>1</sup>		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
PRF1C	All 'Post and rail fencing' must be completed by the end of Year 1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRF2C	All existing fence material must be removed before erecting new 'Post and rail fencing'.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRF3C	The claimed length of 'Post and rail fencing' must be erected in the correct location in the field(s) where it has been approved.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>PRF4C</b>	New materials must be used for 'Post and rail fencing'.			✓
<b>PRF5C</b>	The newly erected 'Post and rail fencing' must be stock-proof and erected to the Specification outlined below.			✓
<b>PRF6C</b>	Field records must be kept detailing location, length and date erected for the 'Post and rail fencing'.	✓		✓

<sup>1</sup> The possible control types for each requirement may be:

'Admin' – administrative checks, 'CwRS' – Control with Remote Sensing, 'OTSC' – On-the-Spot Check

### Specification:

- The 'Post and rail fencing' must be erected to BS 1722-2:2006 standard;
- the minimum standard for 'Post and rail fencing' is 4 rails 32 mm (depth) x 90 mm (width) sawn 'D-rail' timber;
- the overall height of the 'Post and rail fencing' must be at least 1.20 m high from the ground to the top of the top rail;
- the posts must be a minimum 95 mm x 95 mm sawn timber and set at centres not greater than 1.80 m;
- all posts and rails must be pressure treated timber; and
- 'Post and rail fencing' must be erected as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

### Further Advice:

If you intend to complete this NPI on a march boundary you should ensure that you have fully discussed and agreed that you can carry out the NPI requirements and controls on the march boundary with the person who has control of the neighbouring land.

The posts should be at least 1.80 m long.

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before 'Post and rail fencing' is erected along a roadway.

The 'Post and rail fencing' should not be attached to trees, hedgerows or electricity poles. Do not block or restrict rights of way.