

Update on FGS – Harvesting & Processing Option

This note provides information on changes to the Harvesting & Processing option for Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) applications in 2021.

1. Budget Availability for Projects with a 2021 Claim Year

As part of a joint initiative between the Scottish, Welsh and UK Governments, budget remains available within the current claim year for applications to the FGS Harvesting and Processing option for projects in England and Wales. Applications already received for projects in Scotland will fully utilise the available 2021 budget, no further applications will be accepted for projects in Scotland for the 2021 claim year.

2. Application Dates for Businesses in England and Wales

A new application round will be introduced for projects in England and Wales only.

Forest tree nurseries and seed supply businesses in England and Wales can apply for support to increase GB forest nursery tree supply capacity under Aim 2 - new specialised equipment for forest tree nurseries, including tree seed supply businesses.

Applications are invited for **submission between 12 July and 31 August 2021**.

Projects must be completed and claimed by 31st March 2022.

Contracts for work will be available for successful applicants from October 2021.

3. Harvesting & Processing Grant Summary

For full details of the scheme visit the [Rural Payments & Service website](#).

The Harvesting & Processing grant is provided to promote economic development in rural areas by supporting new and existing forestry businesses.

Grant support is based on actual costs with a maximum contribution of 40%. The balance of funding must come from private funds.

In any single application, the maximum grant award may be up to £50,000, applicants may make more than one application per claim year, and multiple applications for individual pieces of equipment relating to a single project are allowed.

Applications for the Forestry Grant Scheme are online only. You must register with Rural Payments and Services and have a Business Reference Number (BRN) to apply, view guidance on [How to Apply](#).

Any costs incurred prior to returning a signed contract will be ineligible for funding support.

Claims for completed work must be submitted, along with any supporting evidence, by 31st March 2022, when submitting a claim refer to our grant [Claims and Payment](#) guidance.

Please contact the [Central Scotland Conservancy](#) if you wish more information about the content of this note.

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