



Scottish Natural Heritage
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba

Peatland ACTION

Restoring
Scotland's
peatlands

Peatland Action - FAQs

Preparing your application

1. Where can I get help with my application?

Applicants are encouraged to discuss potential projects with their local Peatland Action Project Officer. This will allow us to provide necessary guidance and support the development of your project. You should get in touch with us by email at peatlandactiongrant@snh.gov.uk and we will arrange for a Peatland Action Project Officer to contact you to discuss your proposal.

2. I intend submitting several applications throughout the application window. Would this be possible?

Yes, however, we would encourage applicants to submit their application(s) as early as possible during the application window, particularly where phased project work is required. We would also expect applicants to notify us of their intention to submit multiple applications as early as possible. The fund is competitive and applications are assessed on their merits and funds available.

3. My neighbour is also keen on restoring his peatland. Could we submit a joint application?

Yes, we are encouraging a collaborative approach, providing we have received separate, signed agreements from all parties involved and that a Project Lead is nominated to manage the grant.

4. When will I know if I have been successful in getting funding for my project?

A Funding Officer will aim to assess your application within 4-6 weeks of submission but it may take longer if we need more information from you. Once the assessment is completed and it is agreed that we will fund you, a draft offer will be emailed for you to review. Once the terms and conditions within that draft offer have been agreed, your Funding Officer will then issue a final Funding Offer and any additional paperwork that you may be required to complete e.g. Bank Details Form. You must not start work until you have received a final Funding Offer from us.

Understanding the site

5. How do I assess vegetation and habitat condition as part my application?

Further information and guidance for applicants is available on our website: www.snh.gov.uk/peatlandaction and at <http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A1916874.pdf>

6. I would like to undertake the peat depth survey myself. Can you provide equipment / assistance?

We can provide peat depth probes to applicants on a short-term loan basis (loanees will

be responsible for recorded delivery fees). Guidance on how to undertake peat depth surveys is also available on our website: <http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A2210297.pdf>
The Peatland Action team can provide advice via the peatlandaction@snh.gov.uk mailbox.

7. I do not have access to GPS or GIS for mapping purposes, can you help?

Yes, we may be able to provide basic mapping and geographic data support to applicants at our discretion, and depending on the scale of the project. Please contact the Peatland Action team for advice via the peatlandaction@snh.gov.uk mailbox.

8. Why do you require information on deer and/or stock management history on the application form?

We require details on historical and current management of deer/livestock relative to the proposed restoration area(s), including deer numbers/stocking densities and estimated level of usage. This is to help ensure that our investment in peatland restoration is secured in the long-term as there is less likelihood of achieving successful restoration on heavily stocked sites.

Peatland Action – eligibility and what we will fund

9. Are there priority/target areas for Peatland Action funding?

No, each application will be assessed on its individual merits. We want to see a wide geographical spread across Scotland.

10. I have previously received funding for peatland restoration through SRDP can I also apply to Peatland Action for additional work?

This will largely depend on the nature of the work and/or whether it is likely to offer value for money to the public purse. Please also refer to our [Outcomes and Eligibility guidance](#).

11. Is there funding available for consultant, management or agency fees under Peatland Action?

Where there are likely to be consultancy, management or agency fees incurred as part of any project we will assess each application based on its merits and in terms of overall cost effectiveness.

12. Can Peatland Action fund capital items e.g. fencing, gates, and stock-bridges*?

Funding is currently available for these items under the SRDP (AECS and Forestry options) and we will only fund these items under exceptional circumstances. Please refer to our [Peatland Action and SRDP- AECS funding guidance](#).

*Please note that these items will require State Aid assessment (which is the responsibility of the applicant)

13. Can grant monies be used for land purchase?

Only in exceptional circumstances, will we fund land purchases through Peatland Action.

14. How long is the term of the grant?

Site improvements/restoration must be maintained for **10** years from the date of any final funding payment.