

Energy Crops Scheme  
Establishment Grants



# Application Form

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File Reference	
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Application costs approved	

### How to use this form

**Important: You should check to ensure you have read the latest version of the scheme handbook, and that this form is the correct version. Updated copies will be placed on the Natural England web site.**

- Please write clearly in **black ink** and BLOCK letters. Any alterations must be initialled and dated. Do **NOT** use correction fluid.
- If you require more space for any section please continue on a separate sheet, ensuring that you add the agreement reference, sign and date each sheet.
- Please send your completed form with any supporting documents to the address above. Forms completed electronically must be printed and signed. You are advised to keep a copy for your records.
- Additional copies of this form and further information about the Energy Crops Scheme are available from the address above or the Natural England web site at [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk).

**If you wish to receive confirmation that your form has been received please complete this slip.**

**Please enter your name and address in the panel below**

**DO NOT DETACH**



[Empty box for name and address]

Your application was received by Natural England on the date shown overleaf.  
**This acknowledgement only provides proof that your form has been received by Natural England.**

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4. Authorisation for an agent to complete an Energy Crops Establishment Grant Application form.

(a) I am an agent completing this form on behalf of others. Yes  No

If NO, please go to Question 5.

(b) If YES, the individual(s) on whose behalf you are completing this form must have authorised you to complete it. If no written authorisation has been supplied previously for this agreement, you must submit it with this completed form.

Please tick to confirm if an authorisation letter or form is attached.

Please tick to confirm if an authorisation letter or form has been previously supplied

5. Place tick the appropriate box to describe your legal trading status. For example if you are a farmer not covered by any of the other categories, you are a sole trader; if you are applying on behalf of a local authority, it is a public sector organisation.

- A sole Trader
- A Cooperative
- A Partnership
- A Private Limited Company
- A Public Limited Company
- A Public Sector Organisation
- Other : Please specify

6. Principal activities. For example if you are a farmer say whether your farming is arable, livestock or dairy. If you are applying as a company or organisation, say what its main interests are, e.g. a food company should say what type of food. A local authority might give delivery of local services as its main interest.

7. Is your application made in respect of land in a convergence area (Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly) Yes  No

8. (a) Is any of the land subject to a Single Payment Scheme application?

Yes  Go to Question 8 (b) No  Go to Question 9

(b) If YES, the main holding number(s) as declared on your Single Payment Scheme (SPS) Application and the holding number of the land applied for should be provided at Question 1(h).

(c) Has there been any change to your holding since the submission of your Single Payment Scheme Application?

Yes  Go to Question 8 (d) No  Go to Question 9

(d) Have you notified Natural England and RPA of any changes to your holding since your last Single Payment Scheme application?

Yes  Go to Question 9

No  Go to Question 8 (e)

(e) Please give details of the changes to your holding in the box below:

9. (a) Do you rent any land which is to be entered into the Energy Crops Scheme?

Yes  Complete questions (b) to (d) below

No  Go to Section 2

(b) What is the length of your remaining tenancy?

(c) Is this land rented:

Mark as many boxes as apply

- On a full agricultural tenancy under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986?
- On a farm business tenancy entered into on or after 1 September 1995 under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995?

• Other : Please specify

(d) Please give the name and address of the owner of the land: we need to be sure that your landlord has agreed that you can apply in respect of his/her land. Please ensure that your tenancy is long enough to make the agreement you applying for viable.

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	Initials	Forename	Surname
Land owners Address			
Town			
County			
Postcode			

## Section 2: Details of land to be entered into the scheme

Please provide the full postal address (including post code) or details of the location of the land to be planted

10. Please enter the details of each individual field to be entered into the Scheme in the tables on the next page.

## Short Rotation Coppice

11. Please give details of the short rotation coppice you are proposing to establish below:

RLR field numbers	Total field size (ha)	Part field suffix	Area to be planted (ha)	Tick if agricultural land	Current land use				State planting year for SRC
					Permanent pastures and meadows	Other -please state land use e.g. orchard, arable rotation	Other grant schemes on land parcel	Area under agreement with other schemes	
Example SJ9166 9411	15.00	B	5.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				2011

**Please note you must establish at least 3 hectares of energy crops, with a minimum block size of 0.5 hectares within that area.**

Planting can be phased over three years – See Energy Crops Scheme Handbook.

## Miscanthus

12. Please give details of the Miscanthus you are proposing to establish below:

RLR field numbers	Total field size (ha)	Part field suffix	Area to be planted (ha)	Current land use				State planting year for Miscanthus
				Uncultivated land or semi natural area	Other - please state land use e.g. orchard, arable rotation	Other grant schemes on land parcel	Area agreement with other schemes	
Example SJ 9116 9667	10.00	A	6.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				2011

\* see definitions under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 at [www.defra.gov.uk/eia](http://www.defra.gov.uk/eia) or contact the EIA Helpline on Freephone 0800 028 2140.

**Please note you must establish at least 3 hectares of energy crops, with a minimum block size of 0.5 hectares within that area.**

Planting can be phased over three years – See Energy Crops Scheme Handbook.

13. Please provide details in the tables below of the estimated costs that will be incurred for establishing the crop. Grant is paid at a rate of 50% of eligible expenditure. It may be based on:

- ACTUAL costs i.e. Suppliers/contractors costs, supported by receipted invoices
- ON-FARM costs i.e. use of farm labour and machinery.

Note :- ON-FARM costs such as chemicals/herbicides will be need to be supported by a receipted invoice at the time of claim.

**Actual Costs**

Description of item	Unit of measure i.e. £/ha	Estimated total cost (£)
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**On-farm Costs**

Description of item	Area due to be planted (Ha)	Estimated cost per Hectare (Ha)	Estimated total cost (£)
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Total estimated Actual costs and On-farm costs**

£
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**You must submit evidence of your expenditure in the form of original receipted invoices for ALL actual costs and the chemicals/herbicides included in on-farm costs, when submitting your claim.**

**Your land**

14. Have you applied, or do you intend to apply, for public funding from any other source in respect of the land to which this application relates? If YES, please give details.

Yes  No

15 (a) Do you have an ES/CSS or ESA or other agri-environment agreement on your holding?

Yes  No

(b) Is any of the land included in this application reclaimed?

Yes  No

(c) If the answer to (b) is yes enter date when reclaimed

(d) If the answer to (b) is yes please list affected field numbers

(e) Does the application land contain any way leaves, e.g. power-lines utilities, IDB drains, EA rivers/flood protection areas etc.

Yes  No

(f) If the answer to (e) is yes please list affected field numbers and evidence of consultation

(g) Does the application land contain any public rights of way?

Yes  No

(h) If the answer to (g) is yes please list affected field numbers

(i) Has land in this application been deep ploughed, sub-soiled or underdrained?

Yes  No

16 (a) I have read the NE/FC Best Practice Guidelines for Miscanthus and/or Short Rotation Coppice respectively

Yes

(b) Please give details below of the species and varieties you plan to use:

(c) Please state local authority



## Section 4: Declarations

I/we declare that:

- I/we have read and understand the Energy Crops Scheme handbook;
- the information given in this form is to the best of my/our knowledge correct and I/ we accept full responsibility for it;
- I/we are not applying for assistance towards any work which I/we have a legal or established responsibility to complete, including to farm any land to which this application relates in a manner which reflects the conditions of any of the RDPE schemes;
- I/we have a sufficient legal interest in any land to which the application relates to enter a commitment under the scheme(s) applied for;
- Where appropriate, I/we have notified my/our landlord of my/our intention to apply for the scheme(s) concerned and, where necessary, have obtained his/her consent to my/our application;
- I/we understand that the information provided in this application may be used in the processing of European Union aid schemes;
- I/we consent to the use of my/our SPS data for the purposes of the scheme applied for;
- I/we agree to any disclosure of exchange of information about this application (including the content of any declaration or undertaking) which Natural England considers appropriate for the administration, evaluation, monitoring and publicising of the scheme concerned;
- Where appropriate, I/we authorise my/our agent to act on my/our behalf in connection with my/our application for, and participation in, the scheme concerned, and to receive any payments due as a result of that participation; and
- I/we have received no financial support for the measures proposed in this application.

### Undertaking

I/we undertake that, if admitted to the Energy Crops Scheme, I/we will:

- Fulfil the obligations required of me/us as a result of my/our participation in the scheme, as set out in the Energy Crops scheme handbook and guidance booklets;
- Provide any further information as may be required by Natural England;
- Allow access to any land to which the application relates to any authorised person for the purpose of carrying out an inspection in order to verify the accuracy of any information provided and any declaration made to Natural England and to ensure compliance with this Undertaking;
- Co-operate with or take part in any economic, environmental or other monitoring and evaluation of the Energy Crops Scheme (including any research and development studies) conducted by Natural England, DECC, Defra or by anyone appointed by them for that purpose;
- Notify Natural England in writing or by electronic communication of any change to the details provided in this application within three months of its occurrence; and
- Comply with or accept any changes to this commitment which may be necessary as a result of EU legislation in particular, Council Regulation No. 1698/2005 on support for rural development, or the domestic legislation implementing it.

**This declaration must be signed by all applicant(s) named in section 1.**

Signature(s)	Name(s) in BLOCK letters	Status	Date

**If the whole or part of this form has been completed by an agent, he/she should sign below**

Signature(s)	Name(s) in BLOCK letters	Status	Date

**WARNING**

**If you knowingly or recklessly make a false or misleading statement to obtain aid for yourself or anyone else, you risk prosecution (which could result in imprisonment, a fine or both), the loss of all aid paid to you under the scheme(s) in respect of which you have made a commitment, and exclusion from certain schemes for up to two years.**



**Using and sharing your information**

The data controller is Natural England, 1 East Parade, Sheffield, S1 2ET.

Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and for it to be accurate.

It will be used for administering and analysing applications/agreements under agri-environmental schemes. It will be circulated and discussed in confidence with those persons or organisations helping Natural England to assess and monitor applications/agreements. Some information will be shared with other grant distribution bodies and Government Departments to enable them to detect fraudulent applications/agreements and to co-ordinate the processing of complementary applications/agreements. To do this we may have to discuss applications/agreements with third parties or disclose information about funding decisions. Because participation in this scheme involves expenditure of public money and there is public interest in how the money is spent, Natural England may make the information you provide publicly available.

Natural England or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Natural England provides to you.

We will respect personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Natural England to comply with its statutory obligations under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.