

New Forestry Programme 2014 – 2020 (Highlights)

Afforestation Premium Rates (same rates for farmer and non farmer)

GPC	Old rate (farmer)	New Rate	Duration (years)	Increase (year on year)
1 - Unenclosed	€155	€185	15	19%
2 - Sitka spruce/lodgepole pine	€369	€440	15	19%
3 – 10% Diverse	€427	€510	15	19%
4 – Diverse	€454	€560	15	23%
5 – Broadleaf	€481	€575	15	20%
6 – Oak / Beech	€515	€615	15	19%
7 – Beech	€515	€615	15	19%
8 – Alder	€481	€575	15	20%
9- Native Woodland Establishment (Scenarios 1-3)*	€515	€635	15	23%
10- Native Woodland establishment (Scenario 4)*	€515	€635	15	23%
11 – Agro-forestry*	-	€260	5	-
12 – Forestry for Fibre*	-	€180	10	-

*new GPC's Most popular GPC

Grant rates (5% increase on fixed rate grant)

GPC	1 st Grant €/ha	2 nd Grant €/ha	Total €/ha	Additional Fencing Allocation €/ha IS436	Alternative Fencing Allocation €/ha Non IS436	Total Available Funding €/ha
1 – Unenclosed	1575	525	2100	500	350	2600
2 - Sitka spruce / LP	2310	735	3045	500	350	3545
3 – 10% Diverse Conifer	2360	790	3150	500	350	3650
4 – Diverse Conifer	2625	840	3465	500	350	3965
5 – Broadleaf	3780	1155	4935	500	450	5435
6 – Oak / Beech	3990	1260	5250	500	450	5750
7 – Beech	3990	1260	5250	500	450	5750
8 – Alder	2520	840	3360	500	450	3860
9- Native Woodland Establishment (Scenarios 1-4)	3990	1260	5250	500	450	5750
10- Native Woodland establishment (Scenario 4)	3780	1155	4935	500	450	5435
11 - Agro-forestry	2960	990	3950	500	450	4450
12a – Forestry for Fibre	1460	490	1950	500	450	2450
12b – Forestry for Fibre (Aspen, 1400)	1245	420	1665	500	450	2165

Forest Roads

The grant rate for roads has increase by €5 to €40/m. The criteria for calculating the eligible area served by the proposed forest road has changed. Where 50% or greater of the area is due for harvesting in the next 3 years the entire area can now be deemed eligible. For co operative road building (joint applications) this can extend to 5 years.

In cases where the proposed forest road bell mouth is at least 2m below the surface of the existing public road an additional 30m will be allowed per forest entrance to contribute towards the cost of additional stone required. This means that bell mouths in this situation can include an additional 60 metres of road length for grant purposes.

A special construction works (SCW) grant is being introduced for 50% of the cost of the SCW up to a maximum of €5,000 per application whichever is the smaller. This provision is primarily aimed at facilitating the construction of forest roads in environmentally sensitive sites to limit any potential adverse impacts from harvesting activities.

Forest road developments which connect to an existing forest road network in a public, state owned or private forest, will be supported. In these situations that proportion of forest road constructed outside of the applicants land will be grant aided.

Native Woodland Conservation

Funding has been set aside for between 300ha-360ha of Native Woodland Conservation per annum. This measure includes support for public and private landowners and also for emergent native woodlands.