

Marine Licensing Application Fees (Northern Ireland) 2026/27

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Application Fee Rates Applicable From 1 April 2026



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Marine licensing under section 113(6)(b) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 c.23 is part of the marine functions exercised by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs¹.

The fees payable for any application for a marine licence in relation to Northern Ireland or the Northern Ireland inshore region, for which the Department is the appropriate licensing authority, are determined in accordance with the Marine Licensing (Application Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (as amended).

The Regulations provide for a scheme of fees which apply to applications for a marine licence and for the annual variation of the fees in accordance with regulation 5.

The Marine Licensing Applications Fees (Northern Ireland) 2026/27 which will come into operation from 1 April 2026 are set out in the attached Schedule. Please note that for 2026/27 the fees are increasing by 2.94%.

Signed on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on 23rd March 2026.



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¹ The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 transferred functions from the Department of the Environment to the new Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. This Department has responsibility for agriculture, environment, marine, fisheries, forestry, sustainability and rural affairs. <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>.

SCHEDULE

Tables of fees to be paid for licensable marine activities 2026/27

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF FEE TABLES (USAGE)

1. Table 1 (Marine Construction Licence) is categorised into 12 bands which reflect the size and scale of the project, in monetary terms. The applicant will be required to pay the licence fee (Column 2) on submission of an application.
2. Tables 2 (Maintenance Dredging Licence), 3 (Capital Dredging Licence), 4 (Maintenance Dredge Disposal Licence) and 5 (Capital Dredge Disposal Licence) are all categorised into bands which reflect the metric tonnages of material to be dredged or disposed of. In each case, the applicant will be required to pay the Licence Fee (Column 2) on submission of an application.
3. Tables 6 (Deposit of Tracer Dyes, Biocides and Other Such Materials Licence) and 7 (Marine Minerals Extraction Licence) each have a single band. The fee to be paid by the applicant on submission of an application is as indicated.
4. Table 8 (Marine Renewable Energy Licence) is categorised into 4 bands which reflect the size and scale of the project, in terms of its output in Megawatts. The applicant will be required to pay the Licence Fee (Column 2) on submission of an application.

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Table 1
Marine Construction Licence

| Column 1 Banded values in monetary terms | Column 2 Licence Fee |
|---|-------------------------|
| Band A Up to £2,499 | £67 |
| Band B £2,500 - £4,999 | £210 |
| Band C £5,000 - £19,999 | £1,771 |
| Band D £20,000 - £49,999 | £2,447 |
| Band E £50,000 - £199,999 | £4,671 |
| Band F £200,000 - £499,999 | £6,720 |
| Band G £500,000 - £999,999 | £7,796 |
| Band H £1,000,000 - £2,999,999 | £14,596 |
| Band I £3,000,000 - £4,999,999 | £17,991 |
| Band J £5,000,000 - £19,999,999 | £21,391 |
| Band K £20,000,000 - £49,999,999 | £34,988 |
| Band L £50,000,000 and above | £57,378 |

Table 2
Maintenance Dredging Licence

| Column 1 Banded values in terms of mass of material dredged (t = tonne) | Column 2 Licence fee |
|--|-------------------------|
| Band 1 Up to 9,999t | £791 |
| Band 2 10,000t – 24,999t | £958 |
| Band 3 25,000t – 49,999t | £1,118 |

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| Band 4 50,000t – 99,999t | £1,801 |
| Band 5 100,000t – 499,999t | £4,040 |
| Band 6 500,000t – 999,999t | £5,732 |
| Band 7 1,000,000 and above | £9,668 |

Table 3
Capital Dredging Licence

| Column 1 Banded values in terms of mass of material dredged (t = tonne) | Column 2 Licence fee |
|--|-------------------------|
| Band 1 Up to 9,999t | £2,908 |
| Band 2 10,000t – 24,999t | £4,046 |
| Band 3 25,000t – 49,999t | £5,533 |
| Band 4 50,000t – 99,999t | £7,781 |
| Band 5 100,000t – 499,999t | £10,868 |
| Band 6 500,000t – 999,999t | £15,421 |
| Band 7 1,000,000t and above | £25,986 |

Table 4
Maintenance Dredge Disposal Licence

| Column 1 Banded values in terms of mass of material disposed (t = tonne) | Column 2 Licence fee |
|---|-------------------------|
| Band 1 Up to 9,999t | £6,521 |
| Band 2 10,000t – 24,999t | £8,903 |
| Band 3 25,000t – 49,999t | £12,465 |
| Band 4 50,000t – 99,999t | £17,582 |
| Band 5 100,000t – 499,999t | £24,790 |
| Band 6 500,000t – 999,999t | £34,988 |
| Band 7 1,000,000t and above | £58,773 |

Table 5
Capital Dredge Disposal Licence

| Column 1 Banded values in terms of mass of material disposed (t = tonne) | Column 2 Licence fee |
|---|-------------------------|
| Band 1 Up to 9,999t | £8,770 |
| Band 2 10,000t – 24,999t | £12,031 |
| Band 3 25,000t – 49,999t | £16,075 |
| Band 4 50,000t – 99,999t | £23,866 |
| Band 5 100,000t – 499,999t | £33,591 |
| Band 6 500,000t – 999,999t | £47,557 |
| Band 7 1,000,000t and above | £80,150 |

Table 6
Deposit of Tracer Dyes, Biocides and Other Such Materials Licence

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| Licence fee |
| £1,341 |

Table 7
Marine Minerals Extraction Licence

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| Licence fee |
| £95,140 |

Table 8
Marine Renewable Energy Licence

| Column 1 Banded values in terms of the project's power output (MW = Megawatt, GW = Gigawatt) | Column 2 Licence fee |
|---|-------------------------|
| Band R1 Up to 0.99MW | £12,987 |
| Band R2 1.00MW – 9.99MW | £40,610 |
| Band R3 | £171,204 |

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| 10.00MW – 999.99MW | |
| Band R4 1.00GW and above | £171,204 plus £31,613 for each additional 500MW above 1.00GW |