Marine Licensing Fixed Fee Rates for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Services

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Applicable Fee Rates from 1 November 2026



SCHEDULE

Table of fees to be paid for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Services, applicable from 1 November 2026

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

1. DAERA is the Appropriate Licensing Authority for the Northern Ireland Inshore region (0-12 nautical miles) as set out at section 113(6)(b) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

2. DAERA is also the Appropriate Authority under the Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007, as amended. As such, DAERA is required to reach a conclusion about the likely significant effects of certain projects on the environment

3. This is done by way of an Environmental Consent Decision, which is made before DAERA can determine a marine licensing application under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

4. The types of projects for which an EIA is required are set out under Schedule A1 to the Regulations. An EIA may be required for projects which are set out under Schedule A2 of the Regulations.

5. DAERA may determine that an EIA is required if it concludes that the project in question is likely, because of its size, nature or location, to have significant effects on the environment. This determination is known as a **Screening Opinion** and is provided at request of the developer.

6. Developers may also request **Scoping Opinions** as to the information to be provided in an environmental statement for an application for a marine licence.

7. A DAERA consultation on proposals to introduce fixed fees for marine environmental assessment (EIA) services was carried out between 5 June 2026 and 31 July 2026

8. Following comments received in connection with the consultation, DAERA have introduced fixed fees for screening and scoping opinions, as set out in the consultation document, found on the DAERA website - Marine Licensing (Northern Ireland) Application Fees 2026 | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

9. The fixed fees are applicable from 1 November 2026.

PART 2

FIXED FEES PAYABLE

EIA Service	Project type	Fee
Screening Opinion	All	£600
Scoping Opinion	Renewable Energy projects	£35,259
	All other EIA projects	£16,472