

The Farm Woodland Premium Scheme

The Farm Woodland Premium Scheme is funded under Axis 2 of the Rural Development Programme and is delivered by DARD.

It aims to encourage the creation of new woodlands on farms and agricultural land and realise the productive potential of woodlands as an alternative sustainable land use. It provides ongoing income through annual payments to compensate for agricultural income foregone by creating woodland.

How do I apply?



The opening and closing dates for schemes/programmes supported by the Rural Development Programme are advertised and promoted widely. The Rural Development Programme website www.rdpni.info provides a full list of what is currently open for applications together with further details of each scheme/programme and how to apply.

If you are interested in participating in this scheme but do not have access to the Internet please contact us using the details below.

Who can apply?



The Farm Woodland Premium Scheme is open to all farmers and land managers who run an agricultural business* and have at least 1.0 hectare of agricultural land available for planting as woodland.

* Further details on what constitutes an agricultural business are included in the information booklet which accompanies the application form.

What funding is available?



Applicant	Category of land	Outside LFA	LFA – Disadvantaged Areas	LFA – Severely Disadvantaged Areas
Farmer	Arable and other improved land	270	220	160
Non-farmer	Arable and other improved land	100	100	100
Farmer/ Non-farmer	Unimproved land	Ineligible	60	60