

What happens next?



When your application is received we will check to make sure that it is eligible and to see that it has been correctly completed and all relevant documents included.

If your application:

- passes these initial checks, we will acknowledge it;
- is incomplete we will send it back highlighting the missing information and we will only process it once all of the required information has been received;
- is ineligible, it will be rejected.

If your application is eligible, a forester will arrange to carry out a site visit to confirm suitability. If your application is successful, you will receive a letter of approval, an annotated map and a claim form.

What information do I need to include in my application?

Apart from filling in our simple application form, which will include your Business Identification Number (Business ID). You will need to send us a farm survey map, which needs to be in the same name as on the application form.

Where can I find out more?



If you would like to find out more, please contact us:

Tel: 0845 3044 509

Website: www.rdpni.info

Email: rdp@dardni.gov.uk

Write to us at: Rural Development Programme, Room 141, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB

or call in to your local DARD office.

Frequently asked questions



For how many years will I receive the annual payments?

Farm Woodland Premium Scheme annual payments are made for either 15 or 10 years, depending on the trees planted and how they will be managed. To receive annual payments over 15 years, more than 50% of the area must be planted with broadleaved trees. The wood must not be felled within 30 years following the first annual payment. Woodlands with 50% or more of the area planted with conifers, or fast growing broadleaves to be felled in less than 30 years (e.g. poplar) will receive annual payments for 10 years. They must not be felled within 20 years of the first annual payment.