

Charge screening: for science, education or conservation



Licence A34 to disturb or take bats for science, education or conservation

Natural England will use this form to assess whether you need to pay for your licence.

If you do not complete your form correctly, your request might take longer. Read the [guidance for licence A34](#) before you fill in this form.

See the [privacy notice](#) for how we use and share your data.

Section 1. Applicant details

Applicant's name

Company name

Address including postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address

Project site name

Project site address including postcode

Section 2. Is there a charge for your licence?

Your answers must be the same as question 5 on your licence application form.

Is the main aim of your project either:

- construction or development (includes improvement or maintenance)
- or filming or photography

Yes

No

If yes, you will need to pay a licence fee. Go to section 3, invoice details.

If you ticked 'no', is the purpose of your licence application for:

Science or education

Ringling or marking

Conserving wild animals

Protecting any zoological collection

For use only by a volunteer

You may be exempt from a licence charge if you ticked 'no', and your licence is one of the exempt activities. You do not need to complete the rest of this form (section 3 and 4).

Send this form with your licence application form to: wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk

Section 3. Invoice details

Complete this section if your licence is chargeable. You will need to pay before you start your project.

Contact details are the same as applicant details

Company name

Address including postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address for invoices

Contact name for invoices

Email address (if different from invoice email address)

Do you use a purchase number for company invoices?

Yes

No

If yes, enter the purchase order number

Section 4. Licence cost

The cost of this licence is calculated to the nearest quarter of an hour, based on an hourly rate of £101 plus a £61 compliance check.

Likely costs are:

- new licences between £200 and £800
- amendments between £300 and £500
- renewals between £100 and £200.

Complex cases are likely to cost more, such as:

- projects using unusual, new or contentious methods
- applications or project plans that have incomplete or inaccurate details
- applications or project plans with unnecessary additional information
- issues with ecologist experience or poor references
- surveys that do not follow guidance or are limited or constrained
- phased or multi-plot developments
- use of licensing policies
- applications where compliance issues have been identified or have previous police involvement
- applications without relevant planning permissions (or other consents) in place; that do not have conditions or reserved matters fully discharged; or that propose the use of exceptional circumstances
- applications that affect a protected site
- insufficient justification for the project
- more than one application received for the same study area. For example, two separate projects from two ecologists.
- proposals that are outside of the Bat Mitigation Guidelines, for example using tags that weigh more than 5% of body weight
- trapping of bats during the peak breeding season

Submit your form

Save and send this completed form and A34 licence application form to wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk