



Charge screening form: for science, education or conservation licences

Licence A29 to kill, take, disturb or possess wild animals 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 A29](#) before you fill in this form.

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

Section 1. Applicant details

First name

Last name

Company name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address

Project site name

Project site address

Charge screening relating to changes to a wildlife licence granted before 28 September 2020 only

Enter your licence reference number

Declaration

I have read and understood the [terms and conditions for payment](#) in respect of an existing wildlife licence and agree to pay relevant charges.

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)
- filming or photography

Yes

No

If yes, you will need to pay a licence fee.

Is the purpose of your licence application for any of the activities exempt from charging? Tick the relevant activity:

Science or education

Ringling or marking

Conserving wild animals

Protecting any zoological collection

For use by a volunteer

You may be exempt from a licence charge if you ticked 'no', and if 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.

Company name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email address for invoices

Contact name

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.

Most licences are likely to cost between £200 and £600, including the compliance check charge.

Complex cases are likely to cost more. For all A29 licences, this includes:

- projects using new or contentious methods
- applications or project plans that have incomplete details to assess the project proposal accurately
- applications or project plans with unnecessary additional information
- issues with ecologist experience or poor references
- surveys that don't follow guidance or highly constrained surveys
- phased or multi-plot developments
- applications where compliance issues have been identified or previous police involvement

For water vole applications only

Your licence is likely to cost more if:

- an application has not followed the method statement template
- proposals do not comply with the licence conditions
- there's no justification provided for proposals that do not follow best practice
- the proposal is to take water voles into captivity
- the proposal is to use off-site receptor locations
- displacement is more than 50m away along a continuous length of bank
- the proposal is a large scale development with multiple sites of impact

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