



Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

29 May 2025

THE CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE (ALLOCATION) REGULATIONS 2014 EXEMPTIONS REQUEST NOTICE

This notice is made further to regulation 14C of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended).

This notice applies to the Contracts for Difference (CfD) allocation rounds of which the prospective¹ commencement date is 7 August 2025. The prospective application window is 7-27 August 2025.

The types of eligible generator² and eligible generating station likely to apply are shown in the table below. Further to regulation 14C(5), cited below, this Notice sets out the delivery years which are currently considered likely to apply to relevant allocation rounds. However, this information is **provisional**. Final delivery years will be confirmed ahead of the allocation rounds opening in summer 2025.

Technology	Delivery years
Advanced Conversion Technology	2028/29 & 2029/30
Anaerobic Digestion (>5MW)	2028/29 & 2029/30
Dedicated Biomass with CHP	2028/29 & 2029/30
Energy from Waste with CHP	2027/28 & 2028/29
Floating Offshore Wind	2028/29 & 2029/30
Geothermal	2028/29 & 2029/30
Hydro (>5MW and <50MW)	2027/28 & 2028/29
Landfill Gas	2027/28 & 2028/29
Offshore wind	2028/29 & 2029/30
Onshore Wind (>5MW)	2027/28 & 2028/29
Remote Island Wind (>5MW)	2027/28 & 2028/29
Sewage Gas	2027/28 & 2028/29
Solar PV (>5MW)	2027/28 & 2028/29
Tidal stream	2028/29 & 2029/30
Wave	2028/29 & 2029/30

Any request for an exemption certificate must be made by 19 June 2025 ("the closing date").

Any request for an exemption certificate must be sent by the closing date to:

contractsfordifference@energysecurity.gov.uk

¹ The application opening date for the rounds will be confirmed in an Application Window Notice, to be published in due course here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/contracts-for-difference-cfd-allocation-round-7-statutory-notices>

² As defined at regulation 3 of the Contracts for Difference (Definition of Eligible Generator) Regulations 2014 (as amended).



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Any request for an exemption certificate must contain the information detailed in regulation 14C(6) of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended) (see schedule below).

SIGNED

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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

DATED: 29 May 2025



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Schedule to the Exemption Request Notice

Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended), regulation 14C

14C. - Requests for exemption certificates

(1) Paragraph (2) applies where Secretary of State is minded to establish an application window ("a prospective application window").

(2) Where this paragraph applies, subject to paragraph (3), by no later than 50 working days before the date ("the prospective application opening date") which the Secretary of State is minded to set as the application opening date of a prospective application window, the Secretary of State must publish a notice ("an exemptions request notice").

(3) An exemptions request notice is not required where, by the date at which a notice would otherwise be required under paragraph (2), no temporary site exclusion applies at that date in respect of the prospective application window.

(4) An exemptions request notice must apply to each prospective application window which is to have the same prospective application opening date.

(5) An exemptions request notice must—

- (a) state the prospective application opening date;
- (b) identify each prospective application window to which the notice applies;
- (c) describe the types of eligible generator and eligible generating station to which each prospective application window is likely to apply;
- (d) state the delivery years which are likely to apply to each prospective application window; and
- (e) state the date by which a request for an exemption certificate must be made to the Secretary of State ("the closing date"), which must be no earlier than 15 working days after the date of the notice.

(6) A request for an exemption certificate must—

- (a) only be made by an eligible generator;
- (b) be in the form and manner required by the Secretary of State;
- (c) include details of the application ("the intended application") which the eligible generator intends to make;
- (d) specify the prospective application window in which the intended application is to be made;
- (e) include the plan ("the site plan") contained in, or referred to by, the applicable planning consents which are to accompany the intended application which identifies the site of the main generating structures of the CFD unit;
- (f) state each ground of exemption relied upon and include the information necessary to enable the Secretary of State to determine whether or not each such ground applies; and



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(g) be made by the closing date.

(7) By no later than 25 working days after the closing date, the Secretary of State must give the eligible generator who has made the request—

- (a) an exemption certificate; or
- (b) a notice ("an exemption refusal notice") stating that the request has been refused and giving reasons for the refusal.

(8) The Secretary of State must as soon as practicable give a copy of each exemption certificate and exemption refusal notice to—

- (a) the CFD counterparty; and
- (b) the delivery body.

(9) In this regulation—

"exemption certificate" means a document which—

- (a) includes a summary of the intended application and the site plan and includes (or refers) to a plan which identifies the excluded site; and
- (b) states—
 - (i) each ground of exemption which the Secretary of State has determined applies to the intended application; and
 - (ii) that the Secretary of State has determined that the eligible generator named in the document may make the intended application in the prospective application window identified in the document;

"ground of exemption" means any of the grounds 1 to 5 described in regulation 14B.