



Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

24 July 2025

THE CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE (ALLOCATION) REGULATION 2014

APPLICATION WINDOW NOTICE

This notice is made further to regulation 4A of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended) and is given to:

- (a) National Energy System Operator Limited; and
- (b) Low Carbon Contracts Company Limited (“The CfD Counterparty”).

A copy of the regulation is included in Schedule 1 to this notice.

This notice applies to both the allocation round for Offshore Wind and Floating Offshore Wind (known as “AR7”) established on 12 November 2024¹ and to the allocation round for all other eligible technologies (known as “AR7a”) established on 23 July 2025.

- The application opening date for AR7 and AR7a is 7 August 2025
- The application closing date for AR7 and AR7a is 27 August 2025

Delivery Years

The delivery years to apply to CfDs allocated to technologies further to AR7 and AR7a are as follows:

Table 1: CfD AR7 and AR7a Delivery Years

| Delivery Years | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------------------|
| AR7a | Pot 1 | 2027/28, 2028/29 |
| AR7a | Pot 2 | 2028/29, 2029/30 |
| AR7 | Pot 3 | 2028/29, 2029/30, 2030/31 |
| AR7 | Pot 4 | 2028/29, 2029/30 |

¹ The Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 7 (AR7) notice is available on the Gov.uk here: [The Contracts for Difference \(Allocation\) Regulations 2015: Allocation Round notice for the seventh Allocation Round](#)



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Valuation Years

The valuation years is the period after the last delivery year for which applications' valuations are required. The AR7 and AR7a valuation years are as follows:

Table 2: CfD AR7 and AR7a Valuation Years

| Valuation Years | | |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| AR7a | Pot 1 | 2029/30, 2030/31 |
| AR7a | Pot 2 | 2030/31, 2031/32 |
| AR7 | Pot 3 | 2031/32, 2032/33 |
| AR7 | Pot 4 | 2030/31, 2031/32 |

SIGNED

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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

DATED: 24 July 2025



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Schedule 1

Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended), regulation 4A

4A. Establishing application windows

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (5), where the Secretary of State establishes an allocation round, the Secretary of State must by notice ("an application window notice") establish an application window.
- (2) An application window notice must—
 - (a) be given to the delivery body and the CFD counterparty; and
 - (b) state—
 - (i) the allocation round to which the notice applies;
 - (ii) the first date on which an application for a CFD to be allocated further to that round may be made ("the application opening date");
 - (iii) the date by which an application for a CFD to be allocated further to that round must be made ("the application closing date"), which must not be earlier than 10 working days after the application opening date; and
 - (iv) which delivery year or years apply to any CFDs to be allocated further to the allocation round to which the notice applies.
- (3) The application opening date must not be earlier than:
 - (a) the date which is 10 working days after the date of the application window notice; or
 - (b) where the allocation round to which the application window notice applies is one to which a sustainable industry reward allocation framework applies, the date which is four months after the date on which the sustainable industry reward allocation process commences, as specified in the sustainable industry reward framework notice or in a sustainable industry reward framework revision notice.
- (4) Where the CFDs to be allocated further to an allocation round are restricted to particular types of eligible generator or eligible generating station, the application window notice must state the restriction.
- (5) Where an exemptions request notice is given, an application window notice which immediately follows the exemptions request notice must not state an application opening date which is earlier than 25 working days after the closing date stated in the exemptions request notice.