



Department for  
Energy Security  
& Net Zero

19 December 2025

**Contracts for Difference (CfD): Contract Budget Revision Notice for Allocation Round 7**

**From: Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**

**To: National Energy System Operator Limited**

This notice is given pursuant to Regulation 12 of the Contracts for Difference (Allocation) Regulations 2014 (as amended). A copy of that regulation is available here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/2011/regulation/12>.

This notice applies to the CfD Allocation Round for Offshore Wind and Floating Offshore Wind, known as AR7, which opened to applications on 7 August 2025.

**CfD Budget**

1. The Secretary of State is revising the budget for AR7 (as set out in the Contract Budget Notice given by the Secretary of State on 27 October 2025) with effect from 23 December 2025. The Overall Budget for AR7 will now be £1,970m. The budget for Pot 4 (Floating Offshore Wind) is not being revised; only the budget for Pot 3 (Offshore Wind) is being increased, to £1,790m.
2. The table in Schedule 1 shows the revised budget for AR7 and its allocation between Pots following the revision made by paragraph 1.

**SIGNED**

Sarah Redwood, Director Renewable Electricity, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

**DATED:** 19 December 2025

## Schedule 1: Revised Budget for AR7

Table 1: CfD budget, in monetary terms, for AR7

	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33
<b>Overall Budget (£ million in 2024 prices)</b>	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,790
Pot 3	1,790	1,790	1,790	1,790	1,790
Pot 4	180	180	180	180	-

**Key:**

	Delivery Year
	Valuation Year

### Use of Maxima

Maxima were announced on 27 October 2025 in the Contract Budget Notice and are not being revised. Two separate Maxima, each of 30GW, apply to Offshore Wind Scotland and Offshore Wind in Pot 3. The Maxima will be applied on a capacity (GW) basis, to operate as 'hard' constraints.

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