



6 July 2026

THE CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE (ALLOCATION) REGULATIONS 2014 APPLICATION WINDOW NOTICE

This notice is made under 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.

A copy of the regulation is available here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/2011/regulation/4A>.

This notice applies to the Allocation Round (known as “Allocation Round 8” or “AR8”) established on 23 April 2026.

Based on the planned timetable for the Clean Industry Bonus process, the dates applicable to this Allocation Round are as follows:

- The Application Opening Date for AR8 is 20 July 2026.
- The Application Closing Date for AR8 is 7 August 2026.

Delivery Years

The Delivery Years to apply to CFDs allocated to technologies further to AR8 are as follows:

Table 1: CFD AR8 Delivery Years

Delivery Years	
Pot 1	2028/29, 2029/30, 2030/31
Pot 2	2028/29, 2029/30, 2030/31
Pot 3	2029/30, 2030/31, 2031/32
Pot 4	2029/30, 2030/31, 2031/32
Pot 5	2029/30, 2030/31

Valuation Years

The Valuation Years are the period after the last Delivery Year for which Applications' Valuations are required. The AR8 Valuation Years are as follows:

Table 2: CFD AR8 Valuation Years

Valuation Years	
Pot 1	2031/32, 2032/33
Pot 2	2031/32, 2032/33
Pot 3	2032/33, 2033/34
Pot 4	2032/33, 2033/34
Pot 5	2031/32, 2032/33

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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

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