



22 December, 2022.

Circular 23/2022

To all Registered Foresters

Re: Interim Afforestation Scheme (Via General De Minimis)

– Financial Approvals Spring Planting Season 2023

Further to Circular 22/2022, applications will be accepted for financial approval under the **Interim Afforestation Scheme (Via General De Minimis)** by applicants with valid technical approvals.

You must use the Form 1(a) which is attached to this Circular, headed Interim Afforestation Scheme (Via General De Minimis) 2023 and no previous version of this form will be accepted.

Copies of Forms 1(b) and 1(c) and the general conditions, procedures and penalties are also included. These Forms will only be valid for the Interim Afforestation Scheme (Via General De Minimis). A Circular will issue with new Forms that will need to be used for the Forestry Programme 2023-2027 in advance of the Programme launch. The Department will monitor financial approvals to ensure that available Department budgets are not exceeded.

The end date for this application period will be determined by the launch of Forestry Programme 2023-2027.

The completion date for financially approved applications will be determined as follows:

Financial Approval Date of Issue	Expiry Date for Completion
03 January 2023 to 31 January 2023	30 April 2023
01 February 2023 to 28 February 2023	31 May 2023
From 01 March 2023	No later than 30 June 2023

Applicants will also have to complete an Opt-in Afforestation Declaration form and a De Minimis Declaration form in order to take part in this scheme. These can be found at 'Forestry Early 2023 Interim Arrangements-FAQs', which is available at: www.gov.ie/forestry.



Applications should be addressed to Ms. Catherine O'Brien, Approvals Section, Forestry Division,
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