



Scottish Natural Heritage
Dualchas Nàdair na h-Alba

Peatland ACTION

Restoring
Scotland's
peatlands

Peatland Action Fund - Eligibility Criteria

There are no geographical restrictions or target areas for Peatland Action funding. Annual management payments will not be funded under the scheme. Peatland Action will consider funding the following work/capital items:-

- Ditch-blocking*
- Combined ditch/grip- blocking and re-profiling
- Gully re-profiling
- Gully blocking
- Bunding
- Bare peat restoration
- Surface-smoothing techniques on previously afforested sites
- Hag restoration
- Installation of sediment traps, timber or stone
- Scrub/woodland removal*, only where it can be demonstrated that there is an overall benefit to the public purse by the inclusion of minor scrub/woodland removal work as part of a larger Peatland Action restoration project. In addition, the seed source must be eliminated and the hydrology of the site should be modified substantially to reduce the incidence of regeneration.
- Mulching
- Re-use of felled to waste material (e.g. brush, mulch) in restoration
- Capital items for research projects and equipment
- Peat depth surveys**
- Restoration feasibility studies and site condition assessments**
- Collection & collation of baseline data**
- Baseline monitoring following the Peatland Action protocols**
- Interpretative materials where it can be demonstrated that there is an overall benefit to the public purse by funding installation work as part of a larger Peatland Action restoration project
- Specialised access where it can be demonstrated that there is an overall benefit to the public purse by funding certain improvements as part of a larger Peatland Action restoration project that would otherwise be eligible for funding through the SRDP (AECS)-Improving Public Access option
- Community initiatives that include restoration and lead to wider public engagement.
- Innovative methods and trials as part of a restoration project

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* Please note that the overall funding eligibility of this management work may change beyond the current funding round, in light of any potential Agri-environment funding scheme options/items available from 2019/20.

** All data must be made publicly available