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**Licence application form – out of season muirburn**

**Hill Farming Act 1946 (as amended)**

If you need assistance filling in this form please contact the SNH Licensing Team:

Email: [licensing@nature.scot](mailto:licensing@nature.scot) Telephone: 01463 725364

Please answer all relevant questions fully and do not defer to other attached documents.

Who should use this application form

This form is for anyone who wishes to carry out muirburn out of season.

All applications are referred to your local SNH office and to SNH Upland advisors for advice, and may require a site visit. If so, we will contact you to arrange this.

Amendments

If you wish to amend a current licence please email [SNH Licensing Team](mailto:licensing@nature.scot?subject=Muirburn%20licence%20XXXXX%20-%20amendment%20request) with the licence reference number, the details you wish to change and the reasons for this change.

**Part 1: You, the land, and the purposes and impacts of the proposed muirburn.**

Note: Where an \* appears next to a question, specific guidance on how to fill in these sections is provided in ‘[*Application to undertake muirburn out of season – Guidance notes for applicants*](https://www.nature.scot/guidance-note-licensing-out-season-muirburn)*’*,

**Section A: Licence holder details**

Please provide the name and address of the licence holder, this person will be legally responsible for ensuring that all licence conditions are met and for submitting a return to SNH Licensing at the end of the licence period.

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| **Title** |  |
| **First name** |  |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Contact telephone number(s)** |  |
| **Organisation and position** |  |
| **What is your interest in the land concerned?** | **Owner**  **Agricultural tenant**  **Manager  Grazing tenant**  **Agent**  **Sporting tenant**  **Other** *(please explain)* |
| *If ‘manager’, ‘agent’ or ‘other’ you must have permission of the person/body for whom you are acting. Provide their name and contact details.* |  |

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| **Proposed start date** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Proposed end date** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Date you require your licence**  (i.e. date when you need confirmation that a licence will be issued to allow preparation for the works) | Click here to enter a date. |

**Section B: Purpose of muirburn**

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| **For which purpose are you applying for a licence?** | **Conserving, restoring, enhancing or managing the natural environment**  **Research**  **Public safety** |
| **What is the proposed muirburn intended to achieve?** *(e.g. to create a suitable seedbed at the appropriate time for natural regeneration of adjacent woodland).* | |
| **Please explain why the muirburn cannot be undertaken in the normal season.** | |

**Section C: Land use**

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| **What is the area currently used for?** | **Deer grazing  Livestock grazing**  **Grouse moor**  **Conservation**  **Other** (provide details) |
| **What will the area be used for following burning?** | **Deer grazing  Livestock grazing**  **Grouse moor  Conservation**  **Woodland regeneration**  **Other** (provide details) |

**Section D: Impacts of proposed muirburn**

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| **Apart from timing are there any other aspects of the proposed muirburn that would be at variance with the provisions/recommendations of the Muirburn code?\*** |

**Part 2: The proposed burning operation\*.**

If you would prefer to provide this information in a Prescribed burning plan specific to the burning referred to in this application, please tick this box  and attach an electronic copy of your plan. If you do this you do not need to complete Part 2 of this form and can proceed to [Section K](#Check1).

**Section E - Person in charge of the burning operation on the ground**

Any licence granted will be issued to the applicant. However, if the person in charge of the burning operation on the ground is not the applicant, their details must be provided below.

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| Title |  |
| First name |  |
| Surname |  |
| Email address |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Contact telephone number(s) |  |
| Organisation and position |  |
| What is their experience of muirburn?  *Include relevant qualifications or courses attended* |  |

**Section F: Location and land details**

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| **Name of property** |  |
| **Name of area to which application applies** (if different to above) |  |
| **Central six figure grid reference** *(e.g. NG123456)* |  |
| **Maps\***  *tick appropriate box*  Note that an inadequate map is likely to delay processing of your application. | Please provide a map showing either:  1. Precise location of patch(es) to be burnt, or  2. Area within which burning is to be carried out |
| **Details of area to be burnt**  *Only complete if ‘2’ selected above*  *e.g. it is intended to burn 5 patches each approximately 20 x 40m within the area shown.* |  |
| **Give the approximate total area you wish to burn**  *in square metres or hectares* |  |
| **Habitat types to be burnt\***  *e.g. dry heath, wet heath, grassland* |  |
| **Notable species\***  *List any notable species known to occur in or near to the areas to be burnt*  *If you are proposing to burn between 1st May and 1st August please refer to Annex A of the guidance notes for applicants.* |  |
| **Soil type** | Peat Mineral |

**Section G: Fire prescription**

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| **Briefly describe the type of fire required to achieve your objectives** (*e.g. a low intensity and severity fire to burn heather but not significantly disturb moss and litter layers).* |

**Section H: Timing and environmental conditions**

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| **What environmental conditions do you need to carry out the burn?**  *e.g. wind speed and direction, period since rain, soil/litter moisture* |  |
| **When do you wish to carry out the proposed muirburn?\***  *Please be as precise as you can e.g. between 1st and 15th Sept. 2013. Note if you intend to burn between 1st May and 1st August you must consider breeding birds – read Annex A of the guidance notes for applicants.* |  |
| **Do you need to carry out any other management operations before burning?**  *e.g. spray Molinia with glyphosate* |  |

**Section I: Fire and rescue service**

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| **Give the name and contact details of the Fire and Rescue Service station which you will liaise with in connection to carrying out the burning.** |

**Section J: Supporting information**

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| **Please provide any further information you consider to be relevant in support of your application.** |

**Section K: Declaration**

* I understand that it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence, and I declare that the particulars given in this application and any accompanying documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.
* I understand that failure to comply with any conditions included on any licence granted in respect of this application may constitute an offence.

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| **Date**: Click here to enter a date. | **Print name:**  **Electronic signature:** |

**Submitting your application form**

This application **should be submitted by email by the licence holder** as named on this licence application (in which case please print name above and a signature is not required). If this application is not submitted by the licence holder, the electronic signature of the licence holder must be inserted above, and they must be copied in to the submission email. Please email the completed application form, together with all supporting information, to:[**licensing@nature.scot**](mailto:licensing@nature.scot)

Please do not send zip files as these may be blocked by our security system and not received.

Once we have received your application, you will receive an automated email acknowledging this. Please quote the reference number given in the email if you need to contact us in relation to your application.

If you do not have access to email, you can print out and send your application and supporting information to the postal address below. Please note if you apply by post you will not receive confirmation that your application has been received.

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