

**FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1985 (FEPA) PART II
DEPOSITS IN THE SEA**

**SEA DISPOSAL AND MARINE CONSTRUCTION LICENCE FEES
APPLICABLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

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SEA DISPOSAL LICENCES FOR CAPITAL DREDGING

Capital dredging sea disposal operations are categorised into 7 Bands based on the quantity to be disposed of – see below.

BAND	LOW RANGE TONNES	HIGH RANGE TONNES	LICENCE APPLICATION FEE CAPITAL DREDGING	LICENCE ISSUE FEE CAPITAL DREDGING	ENFORCEMENT & MONITORING FEE	TOTAL
BAND 1	0	9,999	£820	£1,698	£125	£2,643
BAND 2	10,000	24,999	£1,140	£2,359	£125	£3,624
BAND 3	25,000	49,999	£1,600	£3,301	£180	£5,081
BAND 4	50,000	99,999	£2,280	£4,728	£180	£7,188
BAND 5	100,000	499,999	£3,200	£6,622	£300	£10,112
BAND 6	500,000	999,999	£4,570	£9,445	£300	£14,315
BAND 7	1000,000+		£7,760	£16,060	£300	£24,120

NOTE: Capital dredging is the excavation of the seabed, down to a level not previously dredged during the preceding 10 years. Capital dredging is generally undertaken for construction or navigational purposes.

SEA DISPOSAL LICENCES FOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING

Maintenance dredging sea disposal operations are categorised into 7 Bands based on the quantity to be disposed of.

BAND	LOW RANGE TONNES	HIGH RANGE TONNES	LICENCE APPLICATION FEE CAPITAL DREDGING	LICENCE ISSUE FEE CAPITAL DREDGING	ENFORCEMENT & MONITORING FEE	TOTAL
BAND 1	0	9,999	£600	£1,243	£125	£1,968
BAND 2	10,000	24,999	£830	£1,729	£125	£2,684
BAND 3	25,000	49,999	£1,160	£2,422	£180	£3,762
BAND 4	50,000	99,999	£1,660	£3,456	£180	£5,296
BAND 5	100,000	499,999	£2,330	£4,834	£300	£7,464
BAND 6	500,000	999,999	£3,330	£6,901	£300	£10,531
BAND 7	1,000,000+		£5,660	£11,729	£300	£17,689

NOTE: Maintenance dredging is the removal of unconsolidated material to maintain existing charted depths for navigational purposes. All fees for maintenance dredging sea disposal operations are categorized into 7 Bands on the estimated quantity to be disposed of.

MARINE CONSTRUCTION LICENCES

BAND	CONSTRUCTION VALUE#	LICENCE APPLICATION FEE	LICENCE ISSUE FEE	ENFORCEMENT & MONITORING FEE	TOTAL
BAND A	Up to £20 K	£130	£281	£125	£536
BAND B	£20 K - £50 K	£200	£416	£125	£741
BAND C	£50 K - £200 K	£400	£831	£180	£1,411
BAND D	£200 K - £500 K	£600	£1,244	£180	£2,024
BAND E	£500 K - £1 M	£670	£1,381	£300	£2,351
BAND F	£1 M - £3 M	£1,330	£2,766	£300	£4,396
BAND G	£3 M - £5 M	£1,660	£3,459	£300	£5,419
BAND H	£5 M - £20 M	£2,000	£4,141	£300	£6,441
BAND I	£20 M +	£3,330	£6,901	£300	£10,531

(K = thousand, M = million)

All fees for marine construction licences are categorized into 9 Bands based on the estimated value of the construction project.

TRACER AND DYE DEPOSITS IN THE SEA

The release of tracers and dyes is in the main associated with the 'modelling' of effluent discharges to the marine environment, but they are also used to trace the route of a discharge, e.g. where a pollution incident occurs. This activity is licensed under FEPA in England Scotland and Wales, and a new licence category is therefore being introduced under this review phase as follows:-

LICENCE APPLICATION FEE	LICENCE ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE
£130	£279	£409

NOTE: There are no other fees associated with this category.

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Long-term Marine Renewable Energy FEPA Licences

These licences will apply for projects that will remain in the sea or on the seabed for greater than 10 years, e.g. most off-shore wind farms will have an expected lifespan of 25 years, after which time they will be de-commissioned. These licences will include installation and de-commissioning aspects of the project.

Temporary Marine Renewable Energy FEPA Licences

These licences will apply for projects that will remain in the sea or on the seabed for up to 10 years. This category will include demonstration, pilot or small scale projects which will be de-commissioned and removed from the sea within 10 years of being licensed. These licences will cover installation, operation and de-commissioning aspects of the project. Due to the innovative nature of the technology and uncertainty of its interaction with the environment, temporary licences will be subject to an annual licence fee charge (see below). This charge will go towards covering additional costs incurred by the Department through on-going monitoring of the operation of the FEPA licence. The table below sets out the cost bandings for marine renewable energy projects.

In addition to the above, for both temporary and long-term renewable energy FEPA Licences, there will be an annual Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Charge.

This will go towards covering costs incurred by NIEA in assessing environmental monitoring data and reports for the project.

NIEA will consult with the FEPA applicant, prior to licence issue, as to the period of time that the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Charge applies. This charge will be payable on the date of licence issue, and every 12 months thereafter for the agreed period of environmental monitoring.

MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Band	Construction Value Of Project	Licence Application Fee	Licence Issue Fee	Annual Environmental Monitoring		Annual Fee (Temporary Licences only)
				Site Sensitivity Low to Medium	Site Sensitivity Medium to High	
BAND R1	Up to £1M	£1,340	£2,750	£2,556	£5,112	£1,022
BAND R2	£1M - £2M	£4,000	£8,270	£5,112	£10,225	£3,067
BAND R3	£20M +	£6,660	£13,790	£10,225	£15,337	£5,112

VARIATION LICENCE FEE

In some cases, issued licences may be varied subject to a request being made to the Department. There will be a licence variation fee to cover administration costs, and other costs incurred in determining the licence variation request. This licence variation fee will be calculated as 25% of the original total licence fee. In cases where the Department instigates and imposes a variation to an issued licence, a fee will not be charged.

EXTENDING THE DURATION OF LICENCES

Over 12 Months and potentially up to a maximum of 24 months.

Normally licences are valid for 1 year however; on occasion the Department may consider issuing a licence for up to 1½ years, if requested at the time of application, with no further charge. If a request is made to extend the validity of a licence after it has been granted, the above licence variation fee will apply. The fee will be payable prior to the issue of the extension on the licence.

Over 12 Months and potentially up to a maximum of 36 months.

Where major projects are likely to run for more than 1½ years, the Department may consider issuing a licence for up to a maximum period of 3 years. NIEA shall review the licence after 12 months, and if content with all aspects of its operation, the licence will be permitted to continue.

There will be an annual fee of £2,000 applicable after the first year of issue until the licence expires. This amount will be payable at 12 month intervals, from the date of issue on the first and second anniversary of the licence issue dates

NB: APPLICATION FORMS AND NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF APPLICANTS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE NUMBER QUOTED ON THE FRONT PAGE

