

# Water-use Efficiency – Irrigation Lagoon

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## Aim

The aim of this item is to improve water-use efficiency by collecting and storing water in an irrigation lagoon. This will also help to protect water quality at times of low water availability due to low river flows.

## Eligibility

The land must be within a catchment which drains to water bodies which are significantly impacted because of abstraction for agriculture.

## Spatial targeting



[Map of target area – Water-use Efficiency – Irrigation Lagoon \(PDF, Size: 653.3 kB\)](#)

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## Requirement

- if an abstraction from the water environment is required to fill the lagoon then an authorisation will be required from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- the lagoon must be off-line (i.e. there should be no impounding works which hold back flows in wetlands, rivers, lochs and estuaries)
- you must obtain planning permission, or have confirmation that planning permission is not required for your proposed lagoon
- where a proprietary lining is used, a receipt for the liner will be required

## Payment

You can claim:

- irrigation lagoon – £11.24 per square metre without a proprietary liner
- irrigation lagoon – £31.24 per square metre with a proprietary liner
- collection of run-off from farm steading roofs – underground drainage – £54 per metre

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of any irrigation lagoon
- that you have a receipt for a proprietary liner
- the length in metres of drainage to the lagoon
- the lagoon is offline and there are no impounding works which hold back flows in wetlands, rivers, lochs and estuaries

## Additional guidance

[Supporting guidance is available for this item.](#)