

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 that 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

Payments will be based on up to 40 per cent of the following standard costs, plus a 20 per cent young farmer premium if appropriate:

Irrigation lagoon:

- £11.24 per square metre without a proprietary liner
- £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.](#)

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Section	Change	Previous text	New text
Payment	Payment information amended.	<p>You can claim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Payments will be based on up to 40 per cent of the following standard costs, plus a 20 per cent young farmer premium if appropriate:</p> <p>Irrigation lagoon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £11.24 per square metre without a proprietary liner • £31.24 per square metre with a proprietary liner <p>Collection of run-off from farm steading roofs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • underground drainage – £54 per metre

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