

# 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 \(PDF, Size: 879.6 kB\)](#)

doc\_external\_url: <https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/AECS-Map-of-target-area---Water-use-Efficiency---Irrigation-Lagoon.pdf> This item is available within the target area shown on this map.

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## Application requirements

You must produce a diffuse pollution steering assessment.

## Requirement

- you must hold an abstraction licence 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

### **Irrigation lagoon**

The maximum payment for this option is restricted to £30,000 per business:

- £2.24 per cubic metre without a proprietary liner
- £6.25 per cubic metre with a proprietary liner

Collection of run-off from farm steading roofs:

- underground drainage – £35.46 linear 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.](#)

## Recent changes

Section	Change
Spatial targeting	Target map updated.
Requirement	First bullet revised stating that you must hold an abstraction licence from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

## Previous versions

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