

Capital items

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Please note:

In this restricted 2021 round, for applications other than for Slurry Stores and Improving Public Access (IPA), only essential capital items will be accepted. This includes those items that are directly required to enable the management option (for example, Wild bird seed for Farmland Birds and Creation of Wild Bird Seed for Farmland Birds) and essential complimentary items only (for example, Creation of Wader Scrapes or Cutting of Rush Pasture).

For Organic Conversion, capital items, such as stock fences, are not normally eligible. An exception **may** be where the land was previously under a continually cropped arable system which is being converted to an organic system where grass and grazing are being re-introduced. Consequently you must supply a justification for any capital items applied for in your application detailing why these should be considered as exceptional by the case officer.

Capital items are not eligible when selecting the Organic Maintenance option as this option supports the cost of maintaining an organic management system.

For Corncrake management options, where the holding has already been in receipt of AECS funding for agri-environment, no fencing costs will be supported. For new applications, fencing will only be considered where the existing fencing will not last for 5-years.

For Corn Bunting options, the only fencing costs that can be applied for are temporary fencing costs associated with creation of plots for wild bird seed for farmland birds or forage brassica crop creation and only where the applicant business has livestock.

For Wader options, no fencing costs will be supported

* If you think any of these capital items may be necessary for managing a designated site, you must contact NatureScot to discuss further **before** submitting your application

**If you think Alternative Watering may be necessary for organic conversion management, you must contact RPID to discuss further before submitting your application

Targeted capital items

To apply for one of these capital items, it must first appear in your list of targeted management options and capital items, indicating that you are within the target area for the capital item. It can be applied for on a stand-alone basis.

- [Coastal Embankment Breaching, Lowering or Removal](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Control of Invasive Non-native Plant Species – Follow-up Monitoring and Treatment](#)
- [Control of Invasive Non-native Plant Species – Primary Treatment](#)

- [Hard Standings for Troughs and Gateways](#) (not available in 2021)* (In the 2015 to 2019 rounds this was available as a stand-alone item but not in 2021)
- [Livestock Crossing](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Livestock Tracks](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Managing Steading Drainage and Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Pesticide Handling Facilities](#) (not available in 2021)*
- [Rhododendron Control – Foliar Spray / Treatment for Rhododendron Control](#)
- [Rhododendron Control – Follow-up Treatment](#)
- [Rhododendron Control – Manual Eradication – Light, Medium or Difficult](#)
- [Rhododendron Control – Mechanised Eradication – Light, Medium or Difficult](#)
- [Rhododendron Control – Stem Injection Eradication – Medium or Difficult](#)
- [River Embankment Breaching, Lowering or Removal](#) (not available in 2021)*
- [Restoring \(Protecting\) River Banks](#) (not available in 2021)*
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Pond](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Sediment Traps and Bunds](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Swales](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Wetland](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Slurry Storage](#)
- [Water-use Efficiency – Irrigation Lagoon](#) (not available in 2021)

Non-targeted capital items which can stand alone

To apply for one of these capital items, the specific eligibility requirements must be met. Please check the full capital item wording.

- [Conversion of Deer Fence to Stock Fence](#)
- [Cutting of Rush Pasture](#) - only stand alone for white fronted geese, otherwise must be linked to a management option
- [Deer Census – Helicopter Counts](#)
- [Enhancing or Modifying a Deer Fence](#)
- [Enhancing or Modifying a Stock Fence](#)
- [Heather Restoration](#) (suspended for 2021)
- [Heather Restoration – Follow-up Molinia Control](#) (suspended for 2021)
- [Muirburn and Heather Cutting](#)
- [Planting of Dune Grasses](#)
- [Pond Creation and Restoration for Wildlife](#)
- [Sand-blow Fencing](#)
- [Supplementary Feeding for Golden Eagles](#)
- [Upland Habitat Impact Assessment for Deer Management](#)
- [Wetland Creation – Field Drain Breaking](#)
- [Wetland Creation – Pipe Sluices](#)

Capital items for Improving Public Access (IPA)

- [Boardwalk](#)
- [Bridge](#)
- [Gabion Basket Retaining Wall](#)
- [Gate – Self-closing, One-way Opening Gate](#)
- [Gate – Self-closing, Two-way Opening Gate](#)
- [New Path – Semi-bound Surface](#)
- [New Path - unbound surface](#)
- [Upgrade to an existing path](#)
- [Picnic Table](#)
- [Path Drainage Ditches / Pipe Culverts](#)
- [Seats](#)
- [Signage](#)
- [Stock Fence and Stock Gate for Improving Public Access](#)
- [Timber board and aggregate steps](#)

Non-targeted capital items which can stand alone with prior approval from NatureScot

To apply for one of these capital items on a stand-alone basis you must have prior approval from NatureScot. Otherwise, it must support a relevant management option.

- [Control of Scrub – Follow-up treatment](#)
- [Control of Scrub or Woody Vegetation – Primary treatment – Intermediate and Heavy Vegetation](#)
- [Control of Scrub or Woody Vegetation – Primary treatment – Light Vegetation](#)
- [Control of Scrub or Woody Vegetation – Removal from Site of the Cut Vegetation](#)
- [Ditch Blocking – Peat Dams](#)
- [Ditch Blocking – Plastic Piling Dams](#)
- [Matting to Prevent Damage to Bogs](#)
- [Moving or Realigning Ditches](#)
- [Stock Bridges for Bog, Fen or Wetland Management](#)

Non-targeted capital items which must be linked to a management option

To apply for one of these capital items, it must support a relevant management option.

- [Alternative Watering](#) (not available in 2021)* ** (in the 2015 to 2019 rounds this was available as a stand-alone item but not in 2021)
- [Coppicing of Hedges](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Creation of Wild Bird Seed for Farmland Birds](#)
- [Creation of Beetlebanks](#)
- [Creation of Buffer Areas for Fens and Bogs](#)
- [Creation of Chough Nest Shelter](#)
- [Creation of Cover for Corncrakes](#)
- [Creation of Green Manure](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Creation of Grass Strips and Water Margins in Arable Fields](#)
- [Creation of Low-input Grassland to Convert Arable Land at Risk of Erosion or Flooding](#)
- [Creation of Species-rich Grassland](#) (suspended for 2021)
- [Creation of Wader Scrapes](#)
- [Cutting Stock Access Tracks for Bog or Wetland Management](#)
- [Deer Fence](#)
- [Diversionary Feeding for Hen Harriers](#)
- [Fence Removal](#)
- [Follow-up Treatment of Bracken – Mechanised or Chemical](#)
- [Gate](#)
- [Laying of Hedges](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Open-range Deer Management](#)
- [Planting or Replanting of Hedges](#) (not available in 2021)
- [Post and Rail Tree Guards](#)
- [Primary Treatment of Bracken – Manual](#)
- [Primary Treatment of Bracken – Mechanised or Chemical](#)
- [Rabbit-proofing an Existing or New Stock or Deer Fence](#)
- [Replacement or Planting of Individual Trees within Ancient Wood Pasture or Hedgerows](#)
- [Restoration of Species-rich Grassland](#) (suspended for 2021)
- [Restoring Drystone or Flagstone Dykes](#)
- [Scare and Temporary Electric Fencing](#)
- [Stock Fence](#)
- [Small-scale Tree and Shrub Planting \(on a site not exceeding 0.25 hectares\)](#) (not available in 2021)* (in the 2015 to 2019 rounds this was available as a stand-alone item but not in 2021)
- [Use of Seaweed as a Fertiliser on Cropped Machair](#)
- [Vole, Rabbit or Hare Guards](#)

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