

# CfD Application Common Errors

CfD AR5 - Registration and Application Common Errors  
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## Purpose of the Document

National Grid Electricity System Operator (NG ESO) is the Delivery Body for Electricity Market Reform (EMR). Part of this role includes administering the application, qualification, and allocation processes for Contracts for Difference (CfD) in accordance with the CfD legislative framework and several Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) documents that are specific to each CfD Allocation round.

This document is to be used in conjunction with the CfD (Allocation) Regulations and Allocation Framework relevant to Allocation Round 5. This document highlights some of the common errors that can be made when completing the registration and application processes and is intended to assist you in making an application. Applicants will still need to familiarise themselves with the Allocation Framework and eligibility requirements of the scheme when applying for a CfD, as this serves as a supplementary document and is not an exhaustive list of the eligibility requirements. Referring to schedule 5 of the Allocation Framework provides a transparent view of the checks that the Delivery Body will undertake.

## The Registration Process

The registration window will be open from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 until the application closing date. It is advised to register as soon as possible before Allocation Round 5 opens.

When you register on the [Delivery Body portal](#) you will be required to submit your Companies House registration number. The details which are held on the [Companies House Register](#) will be used to verify your company and the verified Company Director or Secretary. This will need to be kept up to date during the process of the round as we are only able to correspond with the Main Admins

## The Application Process

Once you have registered you will be able to make an application to participate in the CfD Allocation Round.

To ensure that your application meets the criteria and eligibility set out in the Allocation Framework and Contracts for Difference Regulations, it is essential that you provide the correct evidence that is relevant to your technology and your individual project requirements.

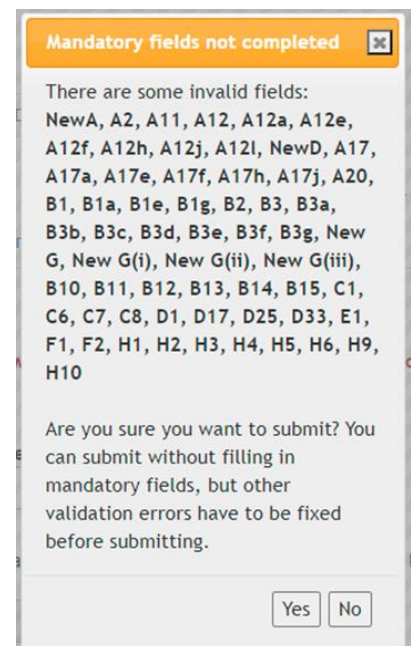
It will be your responsibility to check the form before submission to ensure that:

- Check all the mandatory fields have been completed.
- Check that all declarations are completed.
- Check that all uploaded documents provided on the application form are signed and dated.
- Before you confirm submission of an application, a pop-up screen (as shown) will show all the fields that are not valid.

Applicants can save the application form before submitting to allow final checks to be performed by users on the account before submitting.

Once you have submitted your application form and the application window closes, you will not be able to make any changes to your application form and it will be assessed based on the details provided.

Applicants can withdraw the application before the end of the application window. If applicants want to resubmit the application, they can do so.



## Application Form Commons Errors and Key Points

### CfD Contract Details

Applicants must ensure the data provided in the incorporation section regarding the contract is accurate and filled in correctly. These details are used to determine who the contract is addressed to and who will receive the contract. The sections in the application form are found on the Incorporation Tab, Applicant details (A6 – A7) and Phases Details (A11 – New F).

If successful in the Allocation process, the Low Carbons Contract Company will issue the contract notices to the details stated on the application form. It will not necessarily be the Main Admin on the account at the time and therefore it is important to check the details on the application from throughout the allocation process.

Please refer to the Delivery Body's User Management Guidance to review the process for updating these details.

### Solar PV MW Capacity

The Provisional Capacity Estimate for Solar PV CfD Units should be provided in MW of AC power (MWAC). This is from advice provided by the Low Carbons Contract Company and can be found in the CfD Installed Capacity and Final Installed Capacity Guidance.

### Key Documents Required with the Application

Called out below are the key documents which Applicants must provide with the applications. Documents must be appropriately signed and dated. Some documents may not be applicable to certain applications.

- **Exemption Certificate** – if any part of your CfD Unit overlaps with any excluded sites
- **Supply Chain Approval Statement** – for all applicants with CfD Units that have a capacity of 300 MW or more or for applicants with a Floating Offshore Wind CfD Unit.
- **Certificate of Incorporation**
- **VAT Certification or Tax Registration Certificate**
- **Map of CfD Unit** must be provided in the format required as per the Allocation Framework definition.
  - The Schedule 1 definition “**Map**” means a map showing the scale, name, shape of the CfD Unit and the Longitude and Latitude (in WGS84 format to 3 decimal places) of the Northerly, Easterly, Southerly and Westerly extreme coordinates of the site where the CfD Unit is located. The Ordnance Survey Grid Reference(s) in question B2 of the Application should be for the centre of the site where the CfD Unit is located.
- **Planning Documentation and Planning Decision Notice** – for each Applicable Planning Consent that applies to the CfD Unit. Where the planning consent sets out the capacity, that capacity is equal to or more than the Initial Installed Capacity Estimate of the CfD Unit. The consents are:
  - Development Order under section 114 of Planning Act
  - Transport and Works Act Order under section 3 of the Transport and Works Act 1992
  - Planning Permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (England and Wales) or Act 1997 (Scotland).
  - Section 36 Consent
  - Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Act 2009 (England and Wales) or in Scottish marine are Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland Act 2019)
- **Connection Agreement(s) Documentation**

- Signed Agreement/Offer acceptance between the owner of the CfD Unit and the owner of Transmission/ Distribution System
- Distribution Offer signed by Distribution Network Operator (DNO) and Generator's signed offer of acceptance

### Additional Documents Required with the Application for Technology Specific CfD Units

- **Advanced Conversion Technologies (ACT)**

- Copy of process flow diagram demonstrating that the CfD Unit will meet the Physical Separation Requirement defined in most recent published version of the CfD Standard Terms and Conditions.

- **Remote Island Wind (RIW)**

The Applicant must provide a schematic diagram demonstrating the CfD Unit meets the RIW Conditions:

- Where the relevant CFD unit is connected to the national Transmission System, a schematic diagram demonstrating that the Generation Circuit between the CFD Unit and the Main Interconnected Transmission System consists of not less than 50 km of Cabling, not less than 20 km of which is subsea Cabling.
- Where the relevant CFD Unit is connected to the Distribution System, a schematic diagram showing the relevant Grid Supply Point and the Main Interconnected Transmission System, confirming that between the two points there is not less than 50 km of cabling, which of not less than 20 km of which is Subsea Cabling.

- **Offshore Wind (Fixed Bottom Offshore Wind)**

- Sequential Target Commissioning Dates entered into the application form.
- The Target Commissioning Date of the final phase is no later than 2 years after the Target Commissioning Date of the first phase.
- Crown Estate Agreement for Lease (this needs to cover both the OFTO and the CfD unit).

- **Floating Offshore Wind**

- Diagram to show that all turbines forming part of the relevant CFD unit are situated in offshore waters of at least 45 metres depth (measured from the seabed to chart datum)/
- Directors signed declaration stating that the relevant CFD Unit will meet the Floating Offshore Wind conditions.
- Crown Estate Agreement for Lease (this needs to cover both the OFTO and the CfD unit).

### Private Wire Contract

New requirement for any application that is proposing to enter a private (wire) network contract CfD agreement. To be eligible to apply for a Private Network CfD Agreement, the applicant must demonstrate they are a Private Network Generator (as defined in Schedule 1) and upload a signed director declaration confirming that the applicant meets the full definition of Private Network Generator.

### Guidance Documents for AR5

Please visit the Contracts for Difference Portal for Allocation Round guidance documents and videos to support you with your application. <https://www.emrdeliverybody.com/CfD/Round-5.aspx>