

Allocation Round 7: indicative timeline scenarios for all non-offshore wind technologies
(Dates may be subject to change)

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Clean Industry Bonus results published	June 2025				
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Engagement on Minor & Necessary Modification requests. (This is the period during which potential CfD applicants can start early engagement with LCCC on minor and necessary modification requests).	June 2025				
Publish statutory notices, including: • Administrative Strike Prices (ASPs) • Pot structure • Delivery years (DYS)	July 2025				
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Minor & Necessary Modification request window. (This is the window for potential applicants to make their formal request to LCCC for minor and necessary modifications).	July 2025				
Application Window for CfD Allocation Round 7. (This is the window for applicants to submit their CfD application and accompanying evidence/documents).	7 August – 27 August 2025				
Latest date for Minor & Necessary determinations. (This is the deadline by which LCCC must respond to requests for minor and necessary modifications).	19 August 2025				
Qualification assessment window. (This is the window for the Delivery Body, NESO, to review CfD applications against the relevant CfD qualification criteria).	28 August – 26 September 2025				

Applicants notified of outcome of qualification assessment. (Applicants informed whether their applications are considered to qualify for participation in AR7 (i.e., eligible) or are non-qualifying (i.e., ineligible). AR7 will proceed on scenario 1 if all applications qualify at this stage).	26 September 2025				
Window for Non-Qualifying applicants to request a non – qualification review. (This is the window for non-qualifying applicants to request a Non-Qualification Review – a Tier 1 appeal - asking the Delivery Body to review their decision on qualification status. AR6 will proceed on scenario 2 if no Tier 1 appeals are submitted).	N/A	29 September – 3 October 2025			
Non-qualifying review assessment window. (This is the window for the Delivery Body to re-assess CfD applications against the relevant CfD qualification criteria if Tier 1 appeals are submitted).	N/A	N/A	6 October – 17 October 2025		
Non-Qualifying applicants notified of outcome of non – qualification review (a “Non-Qualification Review Notice”). (Applicants informed whether after re-assessment their applications are considered qualifying (i.e., eligible) or non-qualifying (i.e., ineligible). AR7 will proceed on scenario 3 if all Tier 1 appeals are successful at this stage, i.e., all applications qualify following review of Tier 1 appeals).	N/A	N/A	17 October 2025		
Window for non-qualifying applicants to request a Qualification Appeal (Tier 2 appeal). (This is the window for any non-qualifying applicants to submit a Qualification Appeal asking Ofgem to review the Delivery Body’s non-qualification decision. If no Tier 2 appeals are submitted by 5pm on 27 October, AR7 will proceed on scenario 4. If Tier 2 appeals are submitted, AR7 will proceed on scenario 5).	N/A	N/A	N/A	20 October – 24 October 2025	
Ofgem informs the Delivery Body if any Tier 2 appeals have been received and Delivery Body has 5 working days in which to submit observations to Ofgem.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27 – 31 October 2025
Tier 2 Ofgem non-qualification appeals stage. (Ofgem consider Qualification Appeals).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 – 28 November 2025
Non-qualifying applicants notified of outcome of qualification appeals. (Applicants are informed whether after review of a Qualification Appeal their applications are considered qualifying (eligible) or non-qualifying (ineligible) to participate in AR7).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28 November 2025
The Delivery Body submits the final valuation, or an updated valuation if any Qualification Appeals are upheld, to DESNZ and notifies its intention to hold an auction.	29 September 2025	6 October 2025	20 October 2025	27 October 2025	1 December 2025
Delivery Body issues a ‘Notice of Sealed Bids’ inviting qualified applicants to submit sealed bids	30 September 2025	7 October 2025	21 October 2025	28 October 2025	2 December 2025
Sealed bid window. (Qualifying applicants may submit sealed bids during this window).	1 October 2025 – 5 October 2025	8 October – 14 October 2025	22 – 28 October 2025	29 October – 4 November 2025	3 – 9 December 2025

DESNZ sends Delivery Body budgets	8 – 9 October 2025	15-16 October 2025	29–30 October 2025	5 – 6 November 2025	10 – 11 December 2025
Delivery Body issues a ‘Notice of Auction’. (The ‘Notice of Auction’ will specify that an auction is to be held).	10 October 2025	17 October 2025	31 October 2025	7 November 2025	12 December 2025
Run allocation process and independent audit. (This is when the allocation/auction process takes place, followed by an independent audit to confirm that the process has been accurately followed).	13 October – 31 October 2025	20 October 2025 – 7 November 2025	3 – 21 November 2025	10 – 28 November 2025	15 December 2025 – 19 January 2026
NESO send DESNZ Secretary of State recommendations and Independent Audit Report.	3 November 2025	10 November 2025	24 November 2025	1 December 2025	20 January 2026
Consideration of Audit Report and Delivery Body recommendations on next steps. (Secretary of State considers the Audit Report and the Delivery Body’s recommendation to proceed to notify qualified applicants of their results or to re-run the allocation round).	4 – 6 November 2025	11 – 13 November 2025	25 – 27 November 2025	2 – 4 December 2025	21 – 23 January 2026
NESO notify applicants of the results. (Delivery Body notifies all qualified applicants of the allocation/auction outcome; LCCC notified of successful projects only; DESNZ publishes details of the successful projects).	7 – 10 November 2025	14 – 17 November 2025	28 November – 1 December 2025	5 – 8 December 2025	26 – 27 January 2026
Contracts processed and distributed. (This is the period in which LCCC sends out contracts to the successful applicants making a formal offer of a CfD).	11 – 24 November 2025	18 November 2025 – 1 December 2025	2 – 15 December 2025	9 – 22 December 2025	28 January – 10 February 2026
Sign contracts and return to LCCC. (Successful applicants must return signed contracts to LCCC within 10 working days of the offer being made).	25 November – 8 December 2025	2 – 15 December 2025	16 – 31 December 2025	23 December – 8 January 2026	11 February – 24 February 2026

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Independent audit and Delivery Body valuation (NESO processes information requested by DESNZ and audits all calculations).	21 – 27 October 2025	21 – 27 October 2025	29 October 2025 – 4 November 2025	5 – 11 November 2025	10 – 16 December 2025
Delivery Body shares bid stack information with DESNZ	28 October 2025	28 October 2025	5 November 2025	12 November 2025	17 December 2025
DESNZ sets budgets (DESNZ uses bid stack information to inform budget setting)	29 October – 18 November 2025	29 October – 18 November 2025	6 – 26 November 2025	13 November – 3 December 2025	18 December 2025 – 20 January 2026
DESNZ sends Delivery Body budgets (DESNZ sends NESO the Contract Budget Notice)	19– 20 November 2025	19– 20 November 2025	27 – 28 November 2025	4 – 5 December 2025	21 – 22 January 2026
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NESO send DESNZ Secretary of State recommendations and Independent Audit Report.	15 December 2025	15 December 2025	23 December 2025	5 January 2026	16 February 2026
Consideration of Audit Report and Delivery Body recommendations on next steps. (Secretary of State considers the Audit Report and the Delivery Body’s recommendation to proceed to notify qualified applicants of their results or to re-run the allocation round).	16 December – 18 December 2025	16 December – 18 December 2025	6 – 8 January 2026	6 – 8 January 2026	17– 19 February 2026
NESO notify applicants of the results. (Delivery Body notifies all qualified applicants of the allocation/auction outcome; LCCC notified of successful projects only; DESNZ publishes details of the successful projects and confirms final budgets).	19 – 22 December 2025	19 – 22 December 2025	9 – 12 January 2026	9 – 12 January 2026	20 – 23 February 2026
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Sign contracts and return to LCCC. (Successful applicants must return signed contracts to LCCC within 10 working days of the offer being made).	9 – 22 January 2026	9 – 22 January 2026	27 January – 9 February 2026	27 January – 9 February 2026	10 – 23 March 2026