

Allocation Round 8: indicative timeline scenarios for all technologies

| Description | Scenario 1 (shortest timeline): All applicants qualify | Scenario 2: No non-qualifying applicants request a Tier 1 review after application assessment | Scenario 3: Non-qualifying applicants request Tier 1 review and all qualify following review | Scenario 4: No non-qualifying applicants after Tier 1 review request a Tier 2 appeal | Scenario 5 (longest timeline): Non-qualifying applicants request a Tier 2 appeal |
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| Publication of Minor & Necessary guidance. (LCCC's Minor & Necessary Modifications Guidance provides guidance on how an applicant may apply to LCCC for a minor and necessary modification to the Standard Terms. It also sets out the application form and the information to be included in the application) | June 2026 | | | | |
| 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 2026 | | | | |
| Clean Industry Bonus results published. | 29 June 2026 | | | | |
| Publish statutory notices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Window Notice • Pot and Price notice • Standard Terms Notice • Counterparty Costs Notice • Contract Framework Notice | 6 July 2026 | | | | |
| Contract Allocation Framework for AR8 published. (This document sets out the rules to be applied to AR8) | 6 July 2026 | | | | |
| CfD Standard Terms for AR8 published. (These are the final versions of the CfD Standard Terms and Conditions, the generic version of the CfD Agreement and contract variants for AR8) | 6 July 2026 | | | | |
| Minor & Necessary Modification request window. (This is the window for potential applicants to make their formal request to LCCC for minor and necessary modifications) | 6 –10 July 2026 | | | | |
| Application Window for CfD Allocation Round 8. (This is the window for applicants to submit their CfD application and accompanying evidence/documents) | 20 July – 7 August 2026 | | | | |
| Latest date for Minor & Necessary determinations. (This is the deadline by which LCCC must respond to requests for minor and necessary modifications) | 31 July 2026 | | | | |
| Qualification assessment window. (This is the window for the Delivery Body, NESO, to review CfD applications against the relevant CfD qualification criteria) | 10 August – 16 September 2026 | | | | |

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| Applicants notified of outcome of qualification assessment. (Applicants informed whether their applications are considered to qualify for participation in AR8 (i.e., eligible) or are non-qualifying (i.e., ineligible). AR8 will proceed on scenario 1 if all applications qualify at this stage) | 16 September 2026 | | | | |
| 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. AR8 will proceed on scenario 2 if no Tier 1 appeals are submitted) | N/A | 17 – 23 September 2026 | | | |
| 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 | 24 September – 7 October 2026 | | |
| 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). AR8 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 | 7 October 2026 | | |
| 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 5 October 2026, AR8 will proceed on scenario 4. If Tier 2 appeals are submitted, AR8 will proceed on scenario 5) | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8 – 14 October 2026 | |
| DESNZ confirms whether Pending Applications process will apply. If the Pending Application process applies, any applicants with a Tier 2 appeal will be able to submit their bid and their participation in the allocation round will be confirmed by Ofgem on 18 November 2026. Any applicant deemed eligible to participate in the allocation round will have their bid included in the allocation process. | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15 October 2026 | 15 October 2026 |
| 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 | 15 – 21 October 2026 |
| Tier 2 Ofgem non-qualification appeals stage. (Ofgem consider Qualification Appeals) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 22 October – 18 November 2026 |
| 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 AR8) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18 November 2026 |
| The Delivery Body submits the final valuation, or an updated valuation if any Qualification Appeals are upheld, to DESNZ and notifies its intention to open the sealed bid window. | 17 September 2026 | 24 September 2026 | 8 October 2026 | 15 October 2026 | 19 November 2026 |
| DESNZ publishes Contract Budget Notice. | 17 September 2026 | 24 September 2026 | 8 October 2026 | 15 October 2026 | 19 November 2026 |
| Delivery Body issues a ‘Notice of Auction’. (The ‘Notice of Auction’ will specify that an auction is to be held and inform of the sealed bid window) | 17 September 2026 | 24 September 2026 | 8 October 2026 | 15 October 2026 | 19 November 2026 |

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| Sealed bid window. (Qualifying applicants may submit sealed bids during this window) | 1 – 7 October 2026 | 8– 14 October 2026 | 22– 28 October 2026 | 29 October – 4 November 2026 | 3– 9 December 2026 |
| Independent audit and Delivery Body valuation. (NESO processes information requested by DESNZ and audits all calculations) | 8 – 16 October 2026 | 15 – 23 October 2026 | 29 October –6 November 2026 | 5 – 13 November 2026 | 10 – 18 December 2026 |
| Delivery Body shares bid stack information with DESNZ. | 16 October 2026 | 23 October 2026 | 6 November 2026 | 13 November 2026 | 18 December 2026 |
| DESNZ sets budgets. (DESNZ uses bid stack information to inform budget setting) | 19 October – 13 November 2026 | 26 October – 20 November 2026 | 9 November – 4 December 2026 | 16 November – 11 December 2026 | 21 December 2026 – 1 February 2027 |
| DESNZ sends Delivery Body budgets. (DESNZ sends NESO the Contract Budget Revision Notice) | 16 – 17 November 2026 | 23 – 24 November 2026 | 7 – 8 December 2026 | 14 – 15 December 2026 | 2 – 3 February 2027 |
| 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) | 18 – 24 November 2026 | 25 November – 1 December 2026 | 9 – 15 December 2026 | 16 – 22 December 2026 | 4 – 10 February 2027 |
| NESO send DESNZ Secretary of State recommendations and Independent Audit Report. | 25 November 2026 | 2 December 2026 | 16 December 2026 | 23 December 2026 | 11 February 2027 |
| 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) | 26 – 30 November 2026 | 3– 7 December 2026 | 17 December 2026 – 5 January 2027 | 24 December – 6 January 2027 | 12 – 16 February 2027 |
| NESO notifies 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) | 27 November – 1 December 2026 | 4 – 8 December 2026 | 4 – 6 January 2027 | 5 – 7 January 2027 | 15 – 17 February 2027 |
| 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) | 2 – 15 December 2026 | 9 – 22 December 2026 | 7 – 20 January 2027 | 8 – 21 January 2027 | 18 February – 3 March 2027 |
| Sign contracts and return to LCCC. (Successful applicants must return signed contracts to LCCC within 10 working days of the offer being made) | 16 – 31 December 2026 | 23 December 2026 – 8 January 2027 | 21 January – 3 February 2027 | 22 January – 4 February 2027 | 4 – 17 March 2027 |