

MARA

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuiri
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

General Application (Form MAC1)





Important information:

Applicants are strongly advised to read MARA's "[Guidance Note for applicants applying for a Maritime Area Consent \(MAC\)](#)" before completing this application.

The application form and supporting documentation, including confirmation of payment of fee, must be submitted by email to mac@mara.gov.ie.

Complete this form electronically using the free text and tick boxes provided, free text boxes will expand as required. Responses should, in so far as is possible, clearly and concisely address the information requested. Where appropriate, supporting documentation may be submitted for assessment, providing that any information relevant to the application is clearly referenced in the application form.

Before completing this form, the declaration and consent at the end of the application form should be read.

Privacy Policy:

MARA may require applicants to provide certain personal data in order to carry out its legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that an applicant provides in accordance with MARA's obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data the applicant provides, how that information will be used and what rights the applicant may exercise in relation to its personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Policy - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#).

Freedom of Information/Access to information on the Environment:

Applicants should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as amended (the "FOI Act") and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (the "AIE Regulations"), information provided by them to MARA may be required to be disclosed in response to a request made under the FOI Act and/or the AIE Regulations, subject to applicable exemptions.

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them to MARA is commercially sensitive, confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act or the AIE Regulations. Applicants should clearly identify any such information at the time of application. Notwithstanding this, the final decision on disclosure rests with MARA, in accordance with the applicable legislation. The applicant must, upon reasonable request and within a reasonable timeframe, provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to MARA in connection with any request for information made under the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.



Form MAC1 – General Application for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

Part 1 Applicant Information

1.1 Applicant Details (if more than one applicant, refer to Section 1.5).

Name of Applicant (Company/Organisation name, as applicable)	
Registered Address and Eircode	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email Address	
CRO No. (if applicable)	

1.2 Parent Company Details (if applicable).

Full Name of Parent Company	
Registered Address and Eircode	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email Address	
CRO No. (if applicable)	

1.3 Agent Representing Applicant (if applicable).

Person/Agency acting on behalf of Applicant	
Registered Address and Eircode	
Contact Name (if applicable)	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email address	



1.4 Status of entity

A. Select type of entity.

Company <input type="checkbox"/>	Individual <input type="checkbox"/>	State body <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-profit organisation <input type="checkbox"/>
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B. Select if you are a commercial or non-commercial entity.

Commercial entity <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-commercial entity <input type="checkbox"/>
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C. If you are a non-commercial entity, provide evidence to demonstrate that you are a non-commercial entity.

1.5 Number of applicants

A. Is there more than one applicant for this MAC application?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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B. If yes, provide the names of all applicants for this MAC application.

C. If there is more than one applicant, confirm that section 1.1 to section 1.4 has been filled out and submitted separately for each applicant as Attachment 1.5.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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1.6 Type of Application

- A. Select the relevant section(s) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAP Act) under which this MAC application is made. If more than one section applies, then select all applicable sections. Refer to section 2.4 of the guidance.

Section 75 (1) – when a MAC is required prior to seeking development permission	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 75 (4) – when a MAC is required after the grant of development permission	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 76 – when a MAC is required but not development permission	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 105 – transitional provisions for certain foreshore authorisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Section 106 – transitional provisions for certain unauthorised maritime usages	<input type="checkbox"/>

- B. Provide justification for the applicability of the selected section(s) above. Where more than one section has been selected, clearly identify the part(s) of the proposed MAC area and the proposed maritime usage(s) to which the selected sections apply.

1.7 Development Permission Status

- A. Provide brief details of the development permission required for the proposed maritime usage. If no development permission is required, include a justification for this. If there is existing development permission, provide the planning authority reference number, the date of application, the date of issue and enclose a copy of the development permission as Attachment 1.7.

- B. Confirm that you have included Attachment 1.7 in the MAC application.

Yes ☐ No ☐

1.8 MAC Application under Section 105 (only complete where applicable)

- A. Confirm that you are transitioning from an existing foreshore authorisation to a MAC to continue the previously consented maritime usage (including discontinued occupation by the current holder in favour of another person), or to amend an existing authorisation.

Yes ☐ No ☐



B. Provide the following details.

- i. Foreshore authorisation reference number(s).

- ii. Date(s) of Issue.

- iii. Expiration date(s).

- iv. Description of Authorised Usage(s).

- v. Reason for transition from foreshore authorisation to MAC.

- vi. Confirm that you have attached a copy of the existing foreshore authorisation including foreshore consent map in this MAC application as Attachment 1.8.

Yes ☐ No ☐

1.9 MAC Application under Section 106 (only complete where applicable)

- A. Confirm that you are applying for a MAC for an existing unauthorised maritime usage.

Yes ☐ No ☐

- B. If yes, provide the following details.

- i. Description of existing unauthorised maritime usage.



- ii. Date of commencement of unauthorised maritime usage.

1.10 Confirm if the project constitutes a Schedule 10 project (large projects of national scale as identified in the Eighth Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and as inserted by Schedule 10 of the MAP Act).

Schedule 10 project <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-schedule 10 project <input type="checkbox"/>
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Part 2 Nature Scope and Duration of proposed permitted maritime usage

2.1 Primary Maritime Usage and Secondary Maritime Usage(s)

A. Select one Primary Maritime Usage and any applicable Secondary Maritime Usages.

Activity	Primary	Secondary
Dredging/Deposits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ORE Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Infrastructure (water/ sewage)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Infrastructure (other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telecommunications Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism & Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify Below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. Where 'Other' has been selected above, specify the nature of the Primary Maritime Usage and, if applicable, the Secondary Maritime Usage(s).

2.2 Provide a high-level description of the overall project, including any relevant terrestrial works.



- 2.3 Specify the proposed maritime usage that is the subject of this application. Note: This should include any associated construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning, and rehabilitation

- 2.4 Provide a detailed description of the nature and scope of works to be carried out within the Maritime Area including details of any temporary works areas, construction stage, access restrictions etc.

2.5 Term/Duration

- A. Specify the requested term/duration for occupation of the maritime area concerned for the purposes of the proposed maritime usage.

- B. Provide a breakdown of the proposed timeframe for each project phase, such as planning, construction, operation, decommissioning and/or rehabilitation.

- C. Specify the proposed design life of the maritime infrastructure and identify the design standards used and any other evidence to support this. Design life assumptions should be clearly stated and justified based on these standards/evidence.



D. Provide details and relevant information to justify the requested term.

2.6 Existing Foreshore Authorisations

A. Provide the reference numbers and titles of any existing Foreshore Authorisations you may hold within the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity, of the proposed MAC area, which you do not wish to transition (refer to Section 1.8 for Foreshore Authorisations you wish to transition).

B. Do you intend to surrender any existing foreshore consent(s) (Lease/Licence) listed under A above?

Yes ☐ No ☐

C. If yes, provide description of the existing foreshore consent(s) authorised usage.

2.7 Confirm that the subject area sought does not overlap with a privately owned part of the maritime area registered under the registration of title act 1964 (refer to <https://tailte.ie/> and <https://www.landdirect.ie/>).

Yes ☐ No ☐

2.8 Overlaps with MAC Area

A. Confirm that there is no overlap between the proposed MAC area and any other authorised activity¹ within the maritime area

There is no overlap ☐
There is an overlap ☐

¹ Other authorised activity includes but is not limited to other Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 authorisations, Foreshore Act 1933 authorisations, Petroleum and Other Minerals Developments Act 1960 consents, Gas Act 1976 consents, and/or overlap with functional areas of Port Authorities (including navigational channels).



- B. If there is an overlap, provide details of the overlapping authorisations/ consents.

- C. If there is an overlap, explain how the overlap in question does not present a conflict of interest and attach any evidence of permissions sought/acquired from the consent holder as Attachment 2.8.

- D. Confirm that you have included Attachment 2.8 in the MAC application

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable ☐

2.9 Type of use of the maritime area

- A. Indicate the proposed designation for the specific part of the maritime area for which this MAC is sought.

Exclusive Use for the proposed maritime usage

Non-Exclusive Use ☐

Mixed Use (exclusive and non-exclusive) or Circumstantial Use ☐

- B. If 'Exclusive Use' or 'Mixed (exclusive and non-exclusive) or Circumstantial Use' is selected, provide detailed justification, outlining the nature, reasons and timeframes for any exclusive use sought.



Part 3 Public Interest

3.1 Alignment with Policy

- A. Does the proposed maritime usage align with any policy or programme of the Irish Government?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- B. If yes, provide brief details.

3.2 Alignment with EU Directive

- A. Does the proposed maritime usage align with any EU Directive or programme?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- B. If yes, provide brief details.

3.3 Proposed Public Use

- A. Is there a public use element of the proposed maritime usage?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- B. If yes, provide brief details.

3.4 Existing Public Use

- A. Does the proposed maritime usage impact on existing public access/use and amenity of the Maritime Area,



including nearshore?

Yes ☐ No ☐

B. If yes, provide brief details.

3.5 Potential Future Use

A. Does the proposed maritime usage impact on any potential future use of the maritime area?

Yes ☐ No ☐

B. If yes, provide brief details.

3.6 Economic Development

A. Does the proposed maritime usage contribute to the sustainable economic development of the local area or wider economy?

Yes ☐ No ☐

B. If yes, provide brief details.

3.7 Stakeholders

A. Provide brief observations/comments and any associated evidence/ supporting information from relevant stakeholders that reference items of public interest.



B. Confirm that you have included associated evidence/ supporting information as Attachment 3.7.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Part 4 Location and Spatial Extent of Proposed MAC Area

4.1 Confirm you have submitted a map along with this application, as Attachment 4.1. Confirm the map is titled “Proposed MAC Map”, outlining the proposed MAC area in accordance with Appendix A of MARA’s Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC).

Yes ☐ No ☐

4.2 List the coastal Local Authority(s) and/or county(s) adjacent to the proposed MAC area.

4.3 Provide the distance of the proposed MAC area from the shore at its closest point in km.

4.4 Provide the total size of the proposed MAC area (in m², ha, or km², as appropriate).

4.5 Confirm you have prepared Geographic Information System (GIS) files for the proposed MAC Area in accordance with Appendix A of MARA’s Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC).

Yes ☐ No ☐

4.6 Confirm you have submitted the GIS files along with this application, as Attachment 4.6.

Yes ☐ No ☐

4.7 List any Admiralty Charts, Location Maps and/or other Design Drawings submitted with this application, as Attachment 4.7.



Part 5 Tax Compliance

5.1 Confirm that you, as the applicant, are tax compliant (if more than one applicant refer to section 5.4).

Yes ☐ No ☐

5.2 Provide your Tax Registration Number (TRN).

5.3 Provide your Tax Clearance Access Number (TCAN).

5.4 In case of more than one applicant for this MAC application, confirm that section 5.1 to section 5.3 is filled and submitted separately for each applicant.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable ☐

Part 6 Consistency with the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)

6.1 Describe how the proposed maritime usage is consistent with the environmental objectives of the NMPF. List the policy objectives of the NMPF, if any, with which the proposed project aligns.

6.2 Describe how the proposed maritime usage is consistent with the economic objectives of the NMPF. List the policy objectives of the NMPF, if any, with which the proposed project aligns.

6.3 Describe how the proposed maritime usage is consistent with the social objectives of the NMPF. List the policy objectives of the NMPF, if any, with which the proposed project aligns.



- 6.4 Describe how the proposed maritime usage is consistent with key relevant sectoral and/or activity policies of the NMPF. List the policy objectives of the NMPF, if any, with which the proposed project aligns

- 6.5 Describe any other sectoral and/or activity policies that may be impacted by the proposed maritime usage.

Part 7 Preparatory Work

- 7.1 List any preparatory activities, including any site investigations, ongoing or completed in relation to the proposed maritime usage.

- 7.2 List any preparatory activities, including any site investigations, proposed in relation to the proposed maritime usage.



- 7.3 For Offshore Renewable Energy Projects describe the consistency of the proposed maritime usage concerned with the development plans of the transmission system operator (within the meaning of section 100 of the Act).

Part 8 Stakeholder Engagement

- 8.1 Outline any engagements that have taken place with marine users in the area that may be affected by the proposal or other stakeholders in relation to the proposed maritime usage.

- 8.2 Outline any proposed engagements that will take place with marine users in the area that may be affected by the proposal or other stakeholders in relation to the proposed maritime usage.



Part 9 Rehabilitation Schedule

To be completed for all applications, excluding those made under Section 75(1)

9.1 Specify the proposed approach for rehabilitating the MAC area (at least 1 option must be selected).

(a) the decommissioning of infrastructure;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) the removal of infrastructure;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) the partial removal of infrastructure;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) the re-use of infrastructure for the same or another purpose;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) the burying or encasing of infrastructure;	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) the removal of any deposited or waste material.	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.2 Confirm that you have submitted a rehabilitation schedule along with this MAC application that conforms to section 96(4) of the MAP Act, as Attachment 9.2.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Part 10 Fit and Proper Person

10.1 Select and complete the applicable Fit and Proper Person Form and confirm you have submitted the completed form along with this application, (if more than one applicant, refer to section 10.2).

Form FPP1 for non-individual applicant ☐ Form FPP2 for individual applicant ☐

10.2 In case of more than one applicant for this MAC application, confirm that the Fit and Proper Person application is has been completed and submitted separately for each applicant.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable ☐

Part 11 Technical Capability Assessment

11.1 Select and complete the applicable Technical Capability Assessment Form and confirm you have submitted the completed form along with this application.

Form TCA1 for Schedule 10 project (large project of national scale as identified in the Eighth Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as inserted by Schedule 10 of the MAP Act)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Form TCA2 for Non-schedule 10 project	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 12 Financial Capability Assessment

12.1 Name of Relevant Person(s) (Refer to Section 2.3 of Financial Capability Assessment Guidance provided in Appendix C of



the Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a MAC).

12.2 Name of Supporting Entity(s), if required – noting that where a Relevant Person is relying on the resources of another entity(s) or undertaking(s), which may be a parent or a non-parent company (“Supporting Entity”), the financial capability assessment will be carried out on the Supporting Entity(s) and not the Relevant Person. (Refer to Section 2.3 of Financial Capability Assessment Guidance provided in Appendix C of the Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a MAC).

12.3 Confirm you have attached a completed Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) Form (FCA1) with this MAC application (per applicant).

Yes ☐ No ☐



Declaration and Consent

I declare that all information provided with this application, including this completed form and all attachments confirmed as included in the application checklist, is correct at the time of submission and that I will notify MARA of any changes to this information that may arise during the application process. MARA may, by notice in writing given to the applicant, require the applicant to provide in the specified form, by affidavit or otherwise, such additional information in relation to any matter to which the application relates as MARA reasonably considers necessary to assist it to determine the application.

By submitting this application, I declare that I have made due enquires and searches as to whether there are any third parties that hold, or are claiming to hold, any actual or claimed legal rights or interests in the proposed MAC area and that I am satisfied to the best of my information, knowledge and belief that there are no such third parties holding, or claiming to hold, private rights or interests in the proposed MAC area. I hereby acknowledge and declare that MARA, the State and their officers, servants, visitors, agents and employees shall be kept fully indemnified from and against all or any actions, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, costs, fees, expenses, damages, penalties and other liabilities arising directly or indirectly from the undertaking of the Permitted Maritime Usage in the proposed MAC area, including undertakings by our employees, contractors, subcontractors, servants, visitors, consultants, representatives and/or agents.

This consent relates to this application and to any further information provided by me, or on my behalf, for the purposes of this application.

Name of Signatory:

Position held:

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:



Application Checklist

Complete the below application checklist

Section No./ Form	Document	Required	Submitted
Application Form			
Part 1	Applicant Information	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 2	Nature Scope and Duration of proposed permitted maritime usage	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 3	Public Interest	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 4	Location and Spatial Extent of Proposed MAC Area	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 5	Tax Compliance	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 6	Consistency with the National Marine Planning Framework	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 7	Preparatory Work	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 8	Stakeholder Engagement	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 9	Rehabilitation Schedule	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 10	Fit and Proper Person	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 11	Technical Capability Assessment	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part 12	Financial Capability Assessment	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration and Consent	Signed Declaration and Consent	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application Checklist	Application Checklist	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Documentation			
1.5	Attachment 1.5 – Applicant Information if more than one applicant	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7	Attachment 1.7 – Development Permission Details	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.8	Attachment 1.8 – Existing Foreshore Authorisation	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.8	Attachment 2.8 – Proof of permissions sought/acquired	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.7	Attachment 3.7 – Evidence related to public interest	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.1	Attachment 4.1 – MAC Map	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.6	Attachment 4.6 – GIS Files	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.7	Attachment 4.7 – Admiralty Charts, Location Maps and/or other Design Drawings	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.2	Attachment 9.2 – Rehabilitation Schedule	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.0	Confirmation of Payment of Fee	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Application Forms			
FPP1	Fit and Proper Person Form FPP1 (per applicant)	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FPP2	Fit and Proper Person Form FPP2 (per applicant)	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
TCA1	Technical Capability Assessment Form Schedule 10	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
TCA2	Technical Capability Assessment Form non-Schedule 10	Yes (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FCA1	Financial Capability Assessment Form (per applicant)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

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