

# Solar PV and Wind Grace Periods Summary

There are a number of early Renewables Obligation (RO) closures for particular technology types and capacities. The grace periods available to those affected are summarised below:

## Closure of the scheme to large solar PV (England, Wales and Scotland)

The RO and Renewables Obligation (Scotland) (ROS) schemes closed to large solar PV capacity in Great Britain from 1 April 2015, including additional capacity. Between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016, there were three grace periods available – these have now closed.

## Closure of the scheme to small solar PV (England, Wales and Scotland)

The RO and ROS schemes closed to small solar PV capacity in Great Britain from 1 April 2016, including additional capacity. Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, there are three grace periods available.

## Closure of the scheme to onshore wind (England, Wales and Scotland)

The RO and ROS schemes closed to any new onshore wind capacity in Great Britain from

13 May 2016, including additional capacity. Between 13 May 2016 and 31 January 2019, there are five grace periods available, made up of different combinations of three 'conditions'.

## Closure of the scheme to large onshore wind (Northern Ireland)

The Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) scheme closed to large onshore wind capacity from 1 April 2016, including additional capacity. Between 1 April 2016 and 31 December 2018, there are five grace periods available, made up of different combinations of three 'conditions'.

## Closure of the scheme to small onshore wind (Northern Ireland)

The NIRO scheme closed to small onshore wind capacity from 1 July 2016, including additional capacity. Between 1 July 2016 and 31 March 2019, there are five grace periods available, made up of different combinations of three 'conditions'.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

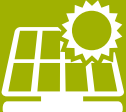

### Can Ofgem E-Serve confirm the validity of my grace period evidence before I submit an application?

No. As administrators of the RO scheme, we are obliged to assess and, where appropriate, accredit applications that have been made to us for renewable generating stations. We assess these case by case. It is not our role to interpret legislation on behalf of generators, and we encourage generators to seek their own legal and technical advice in helping understand how the legislation applies to their specific scenario. It is for the operator of the generating station to demonstrate to us that their generating station meets the requirements of the legislation.

### Will my solar PV station be eligible for grandfathering?

The grandfathering proposal and consultation by Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) is available [on its website](#). However, the government has not yet responded to the consultation. This will come from BEIS, and the legislative timetable will follow. Although the proposal by BEIS has been published, we can't make an assessment against requirements and a decision under statute until the relevant legislation is laid and comes into force.

## Early closures of the RO - Guidance Table

Technology	Country	Capacity	Grace Periods Available	Grace Period Deadline	Question	Guidance	Legislation	
<div>Solar PV</div> <div></div>	England, Wales, Scotland	≤5MW	Significant commitment OR Grid delay OR Preliminary accreditation	31/03/2017	QC252	<a href="#">Renewables Obligation: Closure of the scheme to small-scale solar PV</a>	<a href="#">The Renewables Obligation Closure Etc. (Amendment) Order 2016</a>	
<div>England, Wales, Scotland</div> <div></div>	England, Wales, Scotland	Any	Approved development	31/03/2017	QC251	<a href="#">Renewables Obligation: Closure of the scheme to onshore wind in England, Scotland and Wales</a>	<a href="#">The Energy Act 2016</a>	
			Grid/Radar delay	12/05/2017				
			Approved development + Investment freeze	31/01/2018				
			Approved development + Grid/Radar Delay	31/03/2018				
			Approved development + Investment freeze + Grid/Radar delay	31/01/2019				
	England, Wales, Scotland	Northern Ireland	>5MW	Approved development OR Grid/Radar delay	31/03/2017	QC256	<a href="#">Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation: Closure of the scheme to large onshore wind (&gt;5MW)</a>	<a href="#">The Renewable Obligation Closure Order (Northern Ireland) 2016</a>
				Approved development + Investment freeze	31/12/2017			
				Approved development + Grid/Radar Delay	31/03/2018			
				Approved development + Investment freeze + Grid/Radar delay	31/12/2018			
			≤5MW	Approved development	31/03/2017	QC257	<a href="#">Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation: Closure of the scheme to onshore wind ≤5MW</a>	<a href="#">The Renewables Obligation Closure (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016</a>
				Grid/Radar delay	30/06/2017			
				Approved development + Investment freeze OR Approved development + Grid/Radar Delay	31/03/2018			
Approved development + Investment freeze + Grid/Radar delay				31/03/2019				