

Pre-1990 allocation and exemptions

Pre-1990 allocation applications deadline 30 November 2011

Pre-1990 forest landowners have until 30 November 2011 to submit their applications for an allocation.

Facts and figures

At 25 October 2011, the number of less than 50 hectares exemption and allocation applications received, in process and approved were:

Pre-1990 forest less than 50 hectare exemptions applications	Count	Hectares
Applications received	1 504	18 916
Applications in process	875	11 048
Applications approved	488	6 527
Average size approved		13

Pre-1990 forest allocation applications	Count	Hectares
Applications received	2 666	916 172
Applications in process	1 267	331 803
Applications approved (received a final determination on their allocation NZUs)	1 399	584 369

MAF is required to publish the details of all Final Determinations in the *New Zealand Gazette* and on the Climate Change website. MAF has recently published another batch of Final Determinations, available [here](#).

Post-1989 ETS applications

The volume of ETS forestry applications MAF is receiving is increasing significantly. We strongly recommend that those considering submitting post-1989 registration applications in order to claim NZUs for 2008 to 2011 apply before the end of 2011. It is imperative that registration is completed by mid-late March so that emissions returns can be submitted in time for the 31 March 2012 deadline.

Tips for faster ETS forestry application processing:

- Submit your **ETS forestry applications** online.
- Only include properties that you will be mapping forest on.
- Have all necessary forms and documents, including any documentation supporting land eligibility, ready and available if requested.

Field Measurement Approach (FMA) data capture software applications

MAF invites those who intend to develop their own software applications to capture FMA information to register with MAF. Those registered will be kept up-to-date with the specifications for submitting electronic FMA information. To register, email climatechange@maf.govt.nz with "Field Measurement Approach - Field Data Capture Software" in the subject line. Include the name and phone number of a contact person.

New publications

NZ ETS Review 2011 published

The independent review of the NZ ETS has been completed and the Panel's report has been published by the Minister for Climate Change Issues. See the Minister's press release, the review report and a summary of submissions on the government climate change website at www.climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-review-2011/index.html

Report on the economic viability of indigenous beech management

This report is the result of a five-year project funded by MAF's Sustainable Farming Fund on the economic viability of indigenous beech utilisation from sustainably managed indigenous forests on private land. The report examines resource availability and options for market development and is available [here](#) (enter project number: 05/048).

Workshops to promote trees on farms

A new three year programme of regionally-based workshops begins in Gisborne in November. The workshops will help pastoral farmers and their advisors identify the economic and environmental benefits of planting trees on their properties, and how best to incorporate appropriate species into their agribusiness.

The workshops are specifically designed by knowledgeable, experienced tree-planting farmers and Agfirst consultants to meet local needs. They are supported by the MAF Sustainable Farming Fund, and are hosted by local branches of the NZ Farm Forestry Association. Over the three years of the project, 25 workshops and hui are planned to be held around New Zealand. All workshops are free of charge.

The first two workshops are:

- 17 November, Whangara, Gisborne.
- 15 February 2012, Wallingford, Central Hawkes Bay.

For more information and to register, contact Nick Seymour, ph 06 862 2697.

Environmental Protection Authority to take over administration of NZEUR

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) was established on 1 July 2011. From 1 January 2012, the administration of the New Zealand Emissions Unit Register (NZEUR) will be performed by the EPA. Until then the NZEUR remains with the Ministry of Economic Development.

The administration of forestry in the ETS is unchanged and remains with MAF. The NZEUR website (eur.govt.nz), Climate Change website (www.climatechange.govt.nz) and 0800 Climate (0800 254628) number remain unchanged and you should continue to use these to contact us.

Forestry Emission Unit Trust website

The Forestry Emission Unit Trust is the trust set up to administer the allocation of New Zealand Units for Crown Forest License land, and distribute these to the iwi that receive this land as part of their Treaty settlement. Their website is now live at www.feut.org.nz. A summary factsheet is also available at: www.climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/participating/forestry/cfl.html