



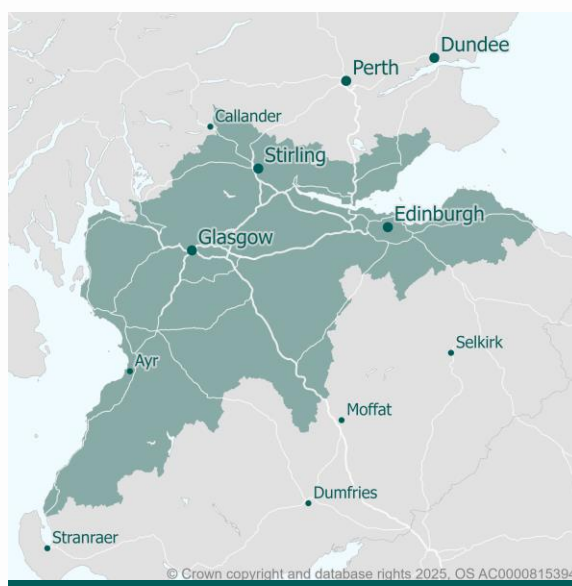
A guide to the CSGN Contribution for new woodland creation in Central Scotland, Ayrshire and parts of Fife

The [Central Scotland Green Network \(CSGN\)](#) is a project aiming to restore and transform the landscape of central Scotland for the wellbeing of its people and nature, whilst supporting Scotland's sustainable economic development. Creating new woodlands within the CSGN area is essential to delivering on these objectives.

To support the project, the Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) offers a capital item worth **£2,500 per hectare on up to 40 hectares**. The [Central Scotland Green Network Contribution](#) recognises the additional costs associated with tree planting in central Scotland. The payment is available for eligible woodland creation applications across the entire CSGN area and is paid in addition to the initial planting payment.

Am I eligible?

- At least 50% of land in each woodland creation option must be within the Central Scotland Green Network. See our [Map Viewer](#) to check if you're in the area.
- The CSGN Contribution is available for the following woodland creation options:
 - conifer
 - diverse conifer
 - broadleaves
 - native upland birch
 - native broadleaves
 - small or farm woodland
- Your application must support the type of woodland expansion identified in your local authority's forestry and woodland strategy.

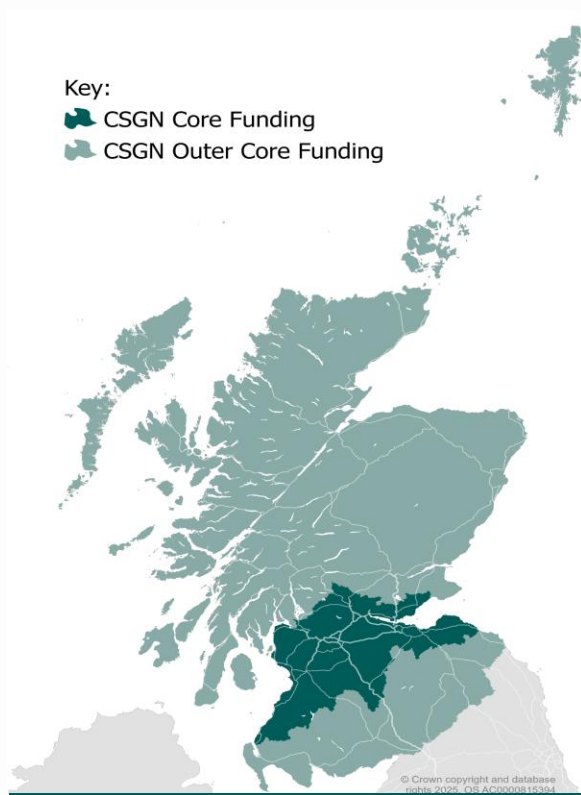




What are the payment rates in the CSGN?

Woodland creation option	Payment rates in standard areas			
	Initial planting payment rate (£/ha)	Core payment rate (up to 40ha) (£/ha)	Annual maintenance payment rate (£/ha/year) for five years*	Total payment rate including core (£/ha)
Conifer	1920	2500	208	5460
Diverse conifer	2160	2500	336	6340
Broadleaves	2880	2500	528	5520
Native upland birch	1840	2500	128	4980
Native broadleaves	1840	2500	272	5700
Small or farm woodland	2400	2500	400	6900

*Maintenance payments can be received annually over five years or in two instalments under the Establishment Operations capital grant



Previously, the CSGN had three contribution areas, however this has been updated to address inflationary costs. The entire CSGN area will now be classed as Core, with the rest of Scotland being Outer Core.

Applicants in the rest of Scotland will receive an additional £1,500 per hectare on the first 20 hectares of eligible options.

For more information, [visit Rural Payments & Services](#).