

Application for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Important Information

Before completing this form please read the declaration and consent at the end of the application form

It is important to note that a change in applicant name will require a new application.

This application and supporting documentation should be submitted by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Please complete the form electronically. Type details in the boxes provided, space will expand as you type. Please complete form to a high level, i.e. give comprehensive answers to questions, answers which only reference supporting documentation are not sufficient.

Maritime Usage Licence:

Part 5 (sections 110 to 133) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA) provides for the granting of maritime usage licences.

Section 112 of the Act states that the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is the competent authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) regulations 2011 ([S.I No. 477 of 2011](#)) and appropriate assessments to which that Part applies.

Section 114 of the Act states that the Minister may by regulations provide for class of Schedule 7 usage to be exempted usage for the purposes of this Part.

[Schedule 7](#) of the Act lists the Maritime Usages that may be undertaken in the maritime area pursuant to licence.

[Schedule 8](#) of the Act lists the types of conditions that MARA may attach to a licence.

Privacy Policy:

MARA may require you to provide certain personal data in order to carry out our legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that you provide as confidential and will process your details in accordance with its 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 you provide, how that information will be used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Statement](#).

Freedom of Information (FOI)/ Access to Information on the Environment (AIE)

Applicants should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, information provided by them to MARA may be liable to be disclosed.

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application should not be disclosed and clearly identify the specific sections of their application containing such information, specifying the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity. MARA will consult with applicants about this information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment request received.

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Part 1: Applicant Information

1.1 Applicant Details

Name of Applicant (the name that will appear on the licence)	Iarnród Eireann/Irish Rail
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	
Address/Company Address	Iarnród Eireann Engineering & New Works Building, Inchicore, Dublin 8.
Eircode/Postcode	D08K6Y3
Contact Name within Company/Organisation	Cian Lynch
Contact Phone No.	██████████
Contact Email Address	██████████████████
Is the company registered in Ireland for tax purposes?	Yes

1.2 Contact Details (if different from above)

Full Name	N/A
Address	N/A
Eircode/Postcode	N/A
Contact Name	N/A
Contact Phone No.	N/A
Contact Email Address	N/A

1.3 Agent Representing Applicant (if applicable)

Person/Agency acting on behalf of Applicant	Jacobs Engineering Ireland
Address	Jacobs Engineering Ireland, 3 Arkle Rd, Sandyford, Sandyford Business Park, Dublin 18.
Eircode/Postcode	D18 T6T7
Contact Name (if applicable)	██████████
Contact Phone No.	██████████
Contact Email address	██████████████████

1.4 Applicant's Legal Advisor (if applicable)	
Name/Company Name	N/A
Address	N/A
Eircode/Postcode	N/A
Contact Name (if applicable)	N/A
Contact Phone No.	N/A
Contact Email address	N/A

<u>Part 2: Proposal Details (Attach additional documents as required)</u>	
2.1	In relation to this application, have you previously applied for a declaration as to whether or not a licence was required for this usage? If so, please provide the reference number associated with that application.
	No
2.2	Description of proposed Maritime Usage.
	Iarnród Éireann (IÉ) are proposing a Geotechnical Investigation (GI), Geophysical site investigation surveys, ecology and marine archaeology surveys (hereafter referred to as Proposed Survey Works) to inform design options for the proposed East Coast Rail Infrastructure Protection Projects (ECRIPP).
2.3	Describe the nature and scale of any structure to be erected in the maritime area.
	No structures are being erected.
2.4	Proposed licence duration
	The Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) is proposed for a ten year duration. The GI and Geophysical Surveys will be completed within 12 months upon receipt of a valid MUL. The Bathymetry, Ecology and Marine Archaeology surveys will be on a rolling basis to inform the environmental assessment. It is envisaged that up to date information will be critical due to the close proximity of European Sites to the Proposed Survey Works.
2.5	Indicative timing of the works/activity: (i) Start date (ii) Duration (iii) Any other information relevant to timing.
	Geotechnical & Geophysical Surveys: Maximum duration of 6 months however more likely to take one month in total. Ecology & Archaeology Surveys April 2025 to August 2025 Bathymetric Surveys: March to September 2025. The surveys are subject to weather conditions. However, it is likely that multiple rounds of ecology and archaeology surveys will be carried out each year to inform the environmental assessment.
2.6	Do the proposed maritime usages provide for public use, commercial use or private use? Provide details.
	The Proposed Maritime Usage will be used to inform the design of coastal protection measures as part of the project. It also includes for baseline surveys to inform the environmental assessments. This is a commercial use.
2.7	Could the proposed works restrict public use/enjoyment of the nearshore e.g. fishing, sailing, surfing, swimming, walking or other activities? Provide details.
	Access to the foreshore and beach may be impacted. There will be pedestrian exclusion zones within the Licence Areas whilst the Proposed Survey Works are being undertaken. These will be temporary and short-term and the beach will be re-instated to its condition prior to the Proposed Survey Works.
2.8	Please outline any engagements that have taken place with marine users or other stakeholders in the proposed area that may be affected by the proposal and attach supporting documentation where relevant.
	Consultation with Local Authorities and private local landowners has been undertaken in relation to the Proposed Survey Works. However, this is focused on surveys that occur outside of the MARA Licence Area.
2.9	Describe briefly any consultations undertaken with other relevant authorities (e.g. Local Authority, Port/Harbour authority etc.) or State Agencies. e.g.

National Parks & Wildlife Service, National Monuments Service of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	
Consultation has been undertaken with National Parks & Wildlife Service, Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Wicklow County Council in relation to the Proposed Survey Works.	
2.10	Please provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore licence you may hold within the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area.
N/A	
2.11	Please provide the reference number of any current application for a Foreshore Licence to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Does this application for a foreshore licence relate to or impact any part of the maritime area the subject of this licence application? If so, please provide details of the foreshore licence application.
LIC230028 – At time of writing, pending approval from MARA. This is Phase 1 of the site investigation surveys.	
2.12	What environmental reports, if any, have you submitted with this application? (Supporting information for screening for Appropriate Assessment/ Natura Impact Statement/ Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species/ Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage Report)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting Information for Screening Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) ▪ Natura Impact Statement ▪ Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species ▪ Assessment of Impacts on Maritime Usage (AIMU) Report 	

<u>Part 3: Location and Spatial Extent of Proposed Maritime Area</u> <u>(Attach additional documents as required)</u>	
3.1	Location of proposed Maritime Usage
	Multiple locations – Licence Area A Booterstown to Blackrock, Licence Area B Killiney, Licence Area C Bray Head, Licence Area D Greystones to Wicklow Town
3.2	Total size of the proposed Maritime Area (in m², ha² or km², as appropriate).
	2,644ha
3.3	Please provide the distance of the main body of the proposed maritime area from the shore at its closest point in km.
	0km – majority of surveys are on the shore
3.4	Is any of the maritime area in the proposed site in private ownership? If yes please provide documentary evidence of same (e.g. folio).
	N/A
3.5	Any other site details considered relevant:
	N/A

Part 4: Maps and Drawings. Please refer to Technical Guidance on map and drawing requirements.	
4.1	Please draft a map, titled “Licence Map”, outlining the proposed Maritime Area in accordance with the Technical Guidance for Maritime Area Licence Applications and submit same with this application.
4.2	Please submit GIS Shapefiles, in accordance with the Applicant Technical Guidance Note and submit same with this application.
4.3	Please list any Admiralty Charts, Maps, GIS Shapefiles and/or other Drawings submitted with this application.
Licence Areas in Shapefile format	

Part 5: Fishing/Aquaculture Considerations:

5.1 Is the proposal located in proximity to any of the following:

- aquaculture operation
- designated Shellfish Growing Waters
- fish spawning ground
- other sensitive fisheries location

Please Illustrate on appropriate chart including distance in Km.

Species	Nursery Grounds	Spawning Ground	Location
Whiting		A,B	0km
Cod	A,B,C,D	A,B,C,D	0km
Atlantic Haddock	A,B,C	A,B,C,D	0km
Atlantic Mackerel	A,B,C,D		0km
Horse Mackerel	A,B,C,D		0km

5.2 Are there other potential impacts of the proposal on fishing/aquaculture in the area? If yes, please describe.

Only bathymetry surveys overlap with the above fisheries activities. Remaining surveys are terrestrial.

5.3 Are there any measures proposed to mitigate potential impacts on fisheries or aquaculture? If yes, please describe.

n/a

Declaration and Consent:

The details provided here are correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that no works will be commenced, by the applicant or the applicant's agents on the proposed site, without a valid licence from MARA. The granting of any Maritime Usage Licence will not give rise on the part of the applicant to any expectation whatsoever for, right or entitlement to a grant of any future licence in respect of all or any part of any area of the Maritime Area.

By submitting this application form, the applicant agrees that the details provided (with personal contact details redacted) are to be published on MARA's website and also that the full information provided including contact details are to be processed and retained by MARA and shared with all relevant public authorities in furtherance of consideration for a Maritime Usage Licence under the MAPA.

I give consent to MARA and its agents to copy this application and to make (a redacted) copy available for inspection and copying by the public. This consent relates to this application, to any further information, or submission provided by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf and to the publication of the licence document.

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

[Redacted Signature]

Name of Signatory (block letters):

[Redacted Name]

Position Held:

Environmental Coordinator

Date:

07/06/24

Applicant Checklist	
Document	Included
Application Form (Parts 2 to 5 inclusive)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Natura Impact Statement (NIS), if initially included	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Impact of the Maritime Usage (AIMU) Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schedule of Works	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licence Mapping (including GIS Shapefiles)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please list below)	

Other