

# Reconstitution Scheme: (Chalara Ash Dieback) Forestry Programme 2014 - 2020

## Introduction

*Chalara fraxinea*, known as ash dieback disease, is a relatively newly described fungal disease of ash which was first named in 2006, although dieback symptoms in ash had been first noted in mainland Europe in the early 1990s. The harmful reproducing stage of the fungus, a new species *Hymenoscyphus pseudoalbidus*, was later discovered in 2010. The disease has spread rapidly across much of Europe, with the majority of European countries where ash is present now reporting the disease.

Common ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) is susceptible to *Chalara* ash dieback disease, as are a number of other species of ash. The disease can affect ash trees of any age and in any setting. Death of the trees can occur, with younger trees (less than 10 years old) succumbing more rapidly.



## Scheme Outline

The Reconstitution Scheme (Chalara) supports the reconstitution of ash plantations which have suffered from or are associated with Ash Dieback disease caused by the fungus *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*. The objective of this scheme is to:

- Restore forests affected by *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* by supporting the removal and destruction of trees and leaf litter affected by the disease.
- Reconstitution of the forest with an alternative species to ash.
- Ensure that all leaf litter is adequately destroyed.

## Grant Rates

Grant assistance will be in respect of costs necessarily incurred in the reconstitution of a forest, subject to the maximum limit laid down as follows;

	Crop Type	Rates per treated hectare
<b>Site Clearance Grant</b> (Removal and Destruction)	Crop infected by ash-dieback	Cost to a maximum of €1,500/ha
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Instalment</b> (Replanting)	Conifers Broadleaf	Cost to max of €2,500/ha Cost to max of 3,800/ha
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment</b> (Maintenance)	Conifers Broadleaf	2 <sup>nd</sup> inst cost to max of €800/ha 2 <sup>nd</sup> inst cost to max of €1,200/ha

\* *There is no fencing allowance, cost based scheme up to 100%*

## Application procedure

Applications for approval must be made through a Registered Forester to the Approvals Section of the Department's Forest Service in Johnstown Castle, Co Wexford.

**Please note:** *work may only commence following written approval from the Forest Service.*

## Further Information:

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