

# Creating a new croft



**CROFTING COMMISSION  
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## Can new crofts be created?

Yes, if the Crofting Commission determines it's in the public interest and will bring social or economic benefits, new crofts can be created within the crofting counties or designated areas outside.

## Who can apply?

- The owner of any land in the crofting counties or a designated area outside.
- The tenant of a non-croft holding in a designated area outside the crofting counties.

## Why apply to the Crofting Commission?

The Crofting Commission regulates crofting to ensure crofts are used productively. Creating new crofts provides opportunities for new entrants and existing crofters.

## How to apply:

1. Complete the "Creating a New Croft" application form.
2. Provide additional documentation as required.
3. Refer to the Commission's guidance document for assistance.

## What happens next?

1. Your application is checked and acknowledged if correct.
2. The application is advertised in the local press.
3. Anyone can submit comments within 28 days.
4. The Commission investigates and makes a decision.

## How long will it take?

The Commission aims to decide within 16 weeks.

## What happens after the decision?

- If approved, the decision is advertised and the registration is sent to the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland.
- The landowner or tenant (if applicable) is entered in the Register of Crofts.
- The decision can be appealed to the Scottish Land Court within 42 days.

## More Information

More information is available on the Crofting Commission website.

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