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## **Application to Create a New Croft**

## **Cruthachadh croit ùr**

OFFICE USE ONLY CASE No:

## PRIVACY NOTICE

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The Crofting Commission acts as the 'Controller' of the personal data you provide us with when you complete a Regulatory Application. Under the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 we are obliged to collect this information in order to facilitate the processing of your application. Please note that the Commission will be unable to process your application if you do not provide the information requested.

Any data provided by you is part of an open process and may be made available to other parties involved (unless told otherwise). These could include:

- The tenant / owner-occupier crofter / landlord of a vacant croft
- The proposed tenant/sub-tenant
- The landlord of the croft
- The owner of the common grazings
- The area assessor
- The grazings committee
- The owner of any adjacent non-croft land
- The occupier of any adjacent non-croft land
- Any member of the local crofting community
- Any other person with a significant interest
- Third Party Organisations – *RPID (Rural Payments & Inspections Directorate) and the Registers of Scotland.*

Your data will be used to update the Register of Crofts and it may also be released under a Freedom of Information enquiry, subject to any disclosure exemptions under Data Protection Laws.

Your information will be stored in the format received and electronically in the Commission's Crofting Information System (CIS). We will not keep your personal data for any longer than is necessary to complete the relevant processing and in line with our Retention Policy.

If at any point you believe the data we process on you is not accurate, you can request to see it and have it corrected or deleted. If you wish to raise a complaint about how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted by e-mailing [DataProtection@crofting.gov.scot](mailto:DataProtection@crofting.gov.scot). Further details on the Crofting Commission's Data Protection Policy can be found at [www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk/data-protection-act](http://www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk/data-protection-act).

For information on submitting a complaint to the Crofting Commission, please visit our website at [www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk/complaints](http://www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk/complaints). For details of how to complain to the Information Commissioner, please visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Please read the enclosed explanatory notes carefully before starting. Incomplete forms cannot be considered and will be returned to you.

## Part 1 – CONTACT DETAILS (ALL APPLICANTS)

### ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED

#### 1 Applicant Details

Name of Organisation/Company/Estate:

Surname:

Title:

Forename(s):

Date of Birth:

Main Residential Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Alternative Telephone:

E-mail Address:

I agree to communication regarding this application by e-mail

Yes

No

#### 2 Owner Details (if not already provided at question 1)

Name of Organisation/Company/Estate:

Surname:

Title:

Forename(s):

Date of Birth:

Main Residential Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Alternative Telephone:

E-mail Address:

I agree to communication regarding this application by e-mail

Yes

No

### 3 Tenant Details (if not already provided at question 1)

Surname:	Title:
Forename(s):	
Date of Birth <sup>1</sup> :	
Main Residential Address:	
	Postcode:
Telephone:	
Alternative Telephone:	
E-mail Address:	
<b>I agree to communication regarding this application by e-mail</b>	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

### 4 Applicant's Agent Details (only if applicable)

Name:	
Postal Address:	
	Postcode:
Telephone:	
Alternative Telephone:	
E-mail Address:	
<b>I agree to communication regarding this application by e-mail</b>	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>1</sup> The Act was amended on 1 October 2011 to include the requirement that the age and date of birth of the tenant of each croft shall be entered in the Register.

## Part 2 – YOUR STATUS

All applicants must fill in this page

5 You must tick the box that describes you.

(i) I own the land  *(Please refer to Guidance Notes)*

Go to PART 3

If you are applying as the owner, if approved, you will be the constituting landlord of a vacant croft. Please be aware that this may have implications including your eligibility for certain forms of grant assistance. Please contact your grant provider for more information.

(ii) I am the tenant of the holding

Go to PART 5

## Part 3 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR LANDOWNER APPLICANTS

If you own the land you must fill in this page

**6** You must confirm the location of your holding. Please tick the box that is appropriate to you.

(i) My holding is located within the crofting counties  go to question 8

(ii) My holding is located outwith the crofting counties  go to question 7

**7** My holding is in an area designated by the Scottish Ministers as being suitable for creating new crofts (*Please refer to guidance notes*) Yes  No

**Important:** If you answer '**No**' to question 7, you are **not** eligible to apply to register the holding as a croft.

**8** Is the land currently let to a tenant?

Yes  go to part 4 No  go to part 6

If yes, please provide details at part 1 question 3.

# Part 4 – DETAILS OF TENANCY FOR LANDOWNER APPLICANTS

If you own a holding that has a tenant, you must fill in this page

9 How much is the rent for the holding: £ \_\_\_\_\_

10 Does the tenant agree with the holding being registered as a croft?  Yes  No

If **'Yes'** you must provide written confirmation to this effect signed by the tenant. A sample form of agreement is attached at Appendix 1 at the end of this form for your use.

**Important:** If you answer **'No'** to the above question, you are not eligible to apply to register the holding as a croft.

11 If approved, do you intend to let the new croft to the tenant subject to the statutory conditions of tenure as described in the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 (Refer to Appendix 1 of Explanatory Notes)  Yes  No

If you have answered **'No'** above, please see note below.

Note: If you intend to enter into a contract or agreement which deprives the tenant of rights in relation to assignation, purchase, sharing in the value of land resumed by the landlord, and/or sharing in the value of land taken possession of compulsorily, the Commission must be provided with a copy of the contract or agreement, should the Commission approve the application. In addition, if you have entered into a contract or agreement which deprives the tenant of any other rights, the contract or agreement must also be approved by the Scottish Land Court.

12 Are you or any family member related to the tenant?  Yes  No

If **'Yes'** please give details of family relationship:

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## Part 5 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TENANT APPLICANTS

If you are applying as the holding tenant you must fill in this page

The tenant must be a natural person rather than a legal person i.e. they should not be part of a firm, partnership or limited company.

Please tick Yes or No to questions 13-15

**13** I am tenant of a holding located outwith the original crofting counties  Yes  No  
**and**

**14** My holding is in an area designated by the Scottish Ministers as being suitable for creating new crofts  Yes  No  
**and**

**15** I have obtained a certificate from the Scottish Land Court confirming my status under the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886-1931  Yes  No  
**A copy of the certificate must be provided.**

**Important:** If you answer 'No' to question 13, 14 and 15, you are not eligible to apply to register the holding as a croft.

**16** Does your tenancy form part of a larger agricultural unit or business?  Yes  No

**17** Has the landlord provided fixed equipment necessary to enable you as tenant to cultivate the croft?  Yes  No

**Important:** If you answer 'Yes' to question 16 and 17, you are not eligible to apply to register the holding as a croft. The fixed equipment must not be provided by the landlord.

**18** How much is the rent for the holding: £ \_\_\_\_\_

**19** Compensation details. Please tick the box that is appropriate to you:

(i) Agreement has been reached about the amount of compensation payable if the land is registered as a croft

(ii) Agreement reached – no compensation will be payable to the owner, if the land is registered as a croft

(iii) A valuer has been appointed to determine compensation



# Part 6 – APPLICATION DETAILS

All applicants must fill in this page

**20** Please explain your reason(s) for applying to register the land/holding as a croft:

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**21** Do you occupy any other land?  Yes  No

(i) If **'Yes'** you must provide information on the following:

Main Location Code	Croft/Holding Name	Any common grazing rights (Yes/No)	Area in Hectares	Status e.g. owner-occupier, tenant subtenant, or short lease tenant	Details of stock held on other land

(ii) Details of how the additional land is managed:

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# Part 7 – LAND/HOLDING DETAILS

All applicants must fill in this page

**22** The name provided below will be used in the Commission's Register of Crofts.

Holding Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Holding Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Location Code (MLC): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Extent of holding (in hectares): \_\_\_\_\_

**23** If you are applying to create more than one croft, please give name and extent for each new croft to be created from this holding:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Extent: \_\_\_\_\_ ha

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Extent: \_\_\_\_\_ ha

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Extent: \_\_\_\_\_ ha

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Extent: \_\_\_\_\_ ha

**24** How is the land currently used?

\_\_\_\_\_

**25** Do you own or keep any livestock on the holding  Yes  No  
If **'Yes'** please give details:

\_\_\_\_\_

**26** Are there any dwellinghouses on the holding?  Yes  No  
If **'Yes'** please give details:

\_\_\_\_\_

## RESIDENCY AND LAND USE

All applicants must fill in this page

**27** Are there any agricultural buildings on the holding?  Yes  No

If **'Yes'**, please provide details below (include information about the size, condition, approximate age and current use): e.g. general purpose shed, dwellinghouse

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**28** Does any part of the holding comprise part of any of the following?

Description	Responsible body	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	Local Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	SNH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSi)	SNH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Protected Area (SPA)	SNH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listed Buildings Scotland (LBS)	Historic Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMS)	Historic Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Scenic Area (NSA)	SNH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cairngorm National Park (CNP)	Cairngorm National Park Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forestry schemes (SFGS/WGS)	Forestry Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If **'Yes'** please enclose a copy of your Management Agreement or scheme from the appropriate named body.

**29** Does the holding have any rights in an existing common grazing?  Yes  No

If **'Yes'** please give details

(i) Name of Common Grazing: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Shareholding/Stock entitlement:

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## Part 10 – APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

All applicants must fill in this page

**34** You must tick the documentation you are enclosing with your application.

<b>A</b>	Location plan showing holding boundaries	(ALL APPLICATIONS)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B</b>	Application to register the holding on the Crofting Register held by The Registers of Scotland	(ALL APPLICATIONS)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C</b>	Copy of a certificate from the Scottish Land Court confirming the tenancy is one to which the Small Landholders Acts apply	(Required for all applications by a tenant to register land)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>D</b>	Copy of the tenant's agreement to land being registered as a croft	(Required for applications by owners of tenanted holdings)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>E</b>	Copy of proposals to vary Conditions of Let (if any)	(Required where conditions of let have been changed question 11 refers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>F</b>	Copy Management Agreement or scheme from the appropriate body	(Required where any part of your holding of is designated by SNH question 28 refers)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Part 11 – Declaration (all Applicants)

The application is submitted under section 3A of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 to have the land/holding constituted as a croft.

I/\*we hereby certify that, to the best of my/\*our knowledge and belief, the particulars given on this form are correct and complete.

**Important note for Owners:**

*N.B. If we approve this application, you will be entered in our Register as the constituting landlord of the new croft. If the land is currently let to a tenant, they will be shown on the Register of Crofts as the tenant of the croft. If the land is not currently let the new croft will be shown on the Register of Crofts as vacant.*

\*Signature of applicant, applicants or agent:

Date

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# APPENDIX 1

**Application under section 3A of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993,**

**Written agreement where the land is tenanted**

Name of Holding: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tenant: \_\_\_\_\_

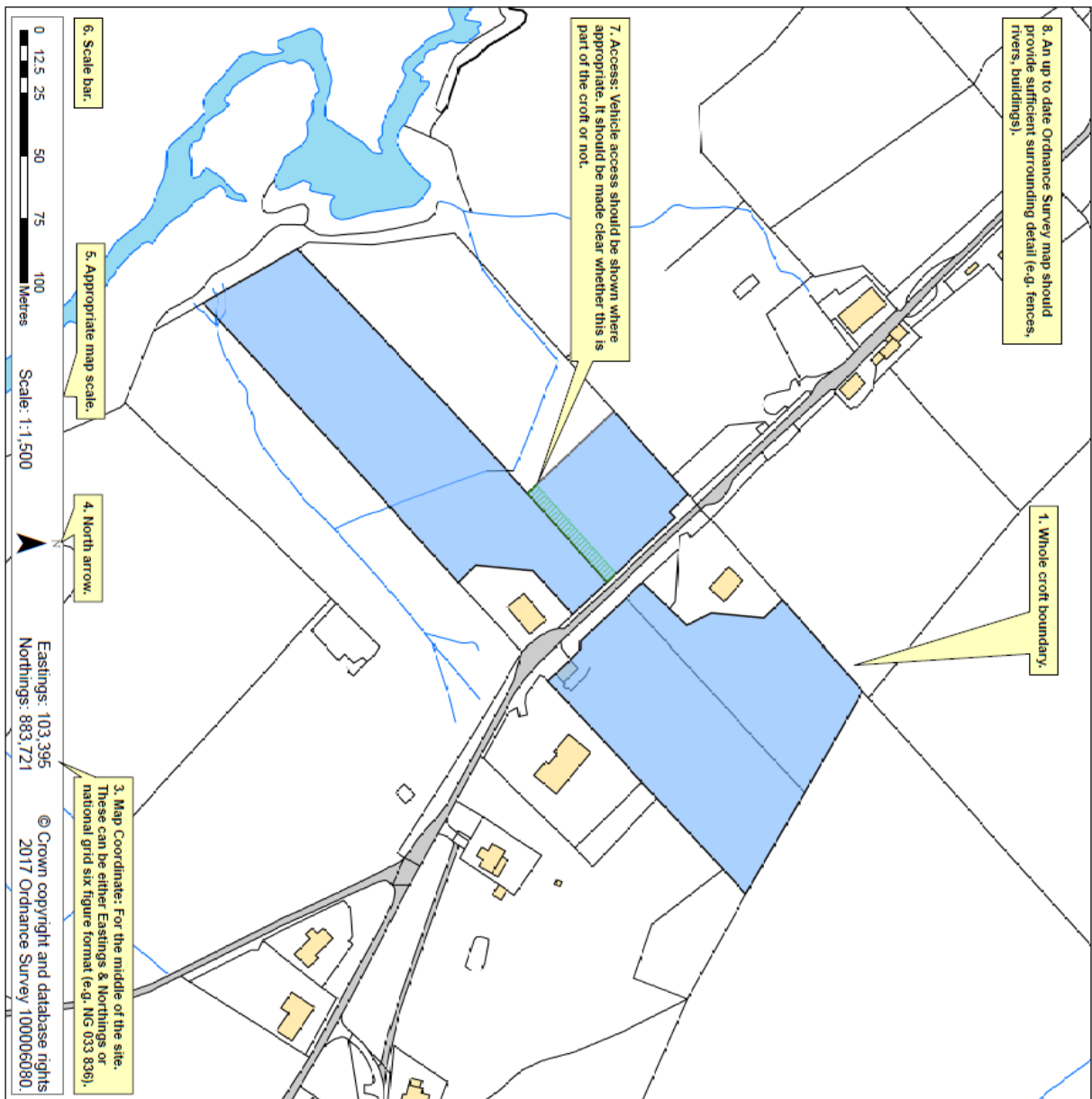
I agree to the owner of the above-named holding applying under section 3 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 to have the holding of which I am tenant registered as a croft. If the application is approved, I am aware that I will be entered in the Register of Crofts as the croft tenant.

Signed (Tenant): \_\_\_\_\_

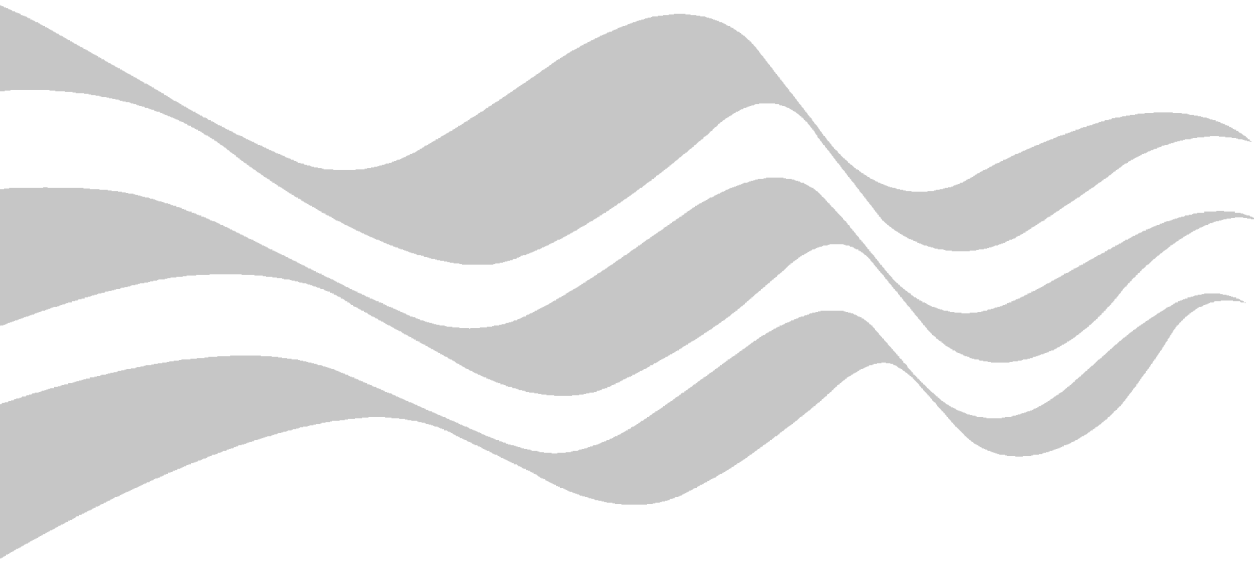
Please Print Name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix 2 – Example Location map



MAP FOR EXAMPLE PURPOSES ONLY



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