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## NATURAL ENGLAND GENERAL LICENCES UPDATE

- Affects those who control wild bird pests in England
- Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland not affected

### TEMPORARY INTERIM LICENCES (INDIVIDUAL LICENCES)

Only apply for a temporary licence if you really need to be covered from now until the new GLs are rolled out from Monday next week e.g. using Larsen traps or protecting lambs/crops.

Natural England are saying that once you email them the licence application you are ok to crack on with your control - the email trail is sufficient for them. However, SACS would advise to wait for licence confirmation.

Here is a new statement from Natural England together with a flow chart for what to do if you are affected:

[Natural England Statement](#) If your PC asks to confirm download, just choose 'yes'.

If you can't wait and need to apply for a temporary licence:

- Go to this link: [TEMPORARY LICENCE APPLICATION FORM DOWNLOADS](#)
- Download relevant application form
- Save to computer
- Open in Adobe Reader DC (download link below)
- Complete form - call us if you are a SACS member and struggling
- Save and email back to NE at [birds2019@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:birds2019@naturalengland.org.uk)

If that doesn't work (e.g. a Mac or older PC) then print, complete, scan or photo pages and email them back to the [birds2019@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:birds2019@naturalengland.org.uk) email address.

Link to temporary licence application forms:

[TEMPORARY LICENCE APPLICATION FORM DOWNLOADS](#)

You'll need latest version of Adobe Reader DC to complete the editable pdfs:

[ADOBE READER DC DOWNLOAD](#)

SACS website news updates - we have been flat out on this issue: [SACS NEWS](#)

### NEW GENERAL LICENCES

From now through next week, NE will start to issue the new General Licences to replace the revoked ones. If you can wait until then, great. Otherwise apply for a temporary licence (see above).

They are going to be species-based so there will be more licences, though with the same format as the old GLs i.e. open to all, no fee and all you have to do is read the GL or GLs relevant to you and abide by conditions. Please see the Natural England statement linked above for the list of new GLs.

Because of the quantity of GLs being issued they will be rolled out in stages. Those affecting conservation and farmers will be prioritised. The new GLs will be more specific to species to avoid NE being legally challenged again.

### FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET NEEDING TO APPLY FOR TEMPORARY LICENCES

Please think about those you know who may need a temporary licence and may not have internet or may have limited IT ability. If you know anyone not local to you and you can't help them directly, feel free to contact SACS and we'll see if we can rustle up someone local to them to assist. This is a community effort, so we stand together.