North Sea Transition Authority

UKSS SECTION GUIDE

EXPLORATION & APPRAISAL

This section will appear only once at organisational level.

If you think there are any errors with allocation, please contact

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1. UKSS 2026 CHANGES

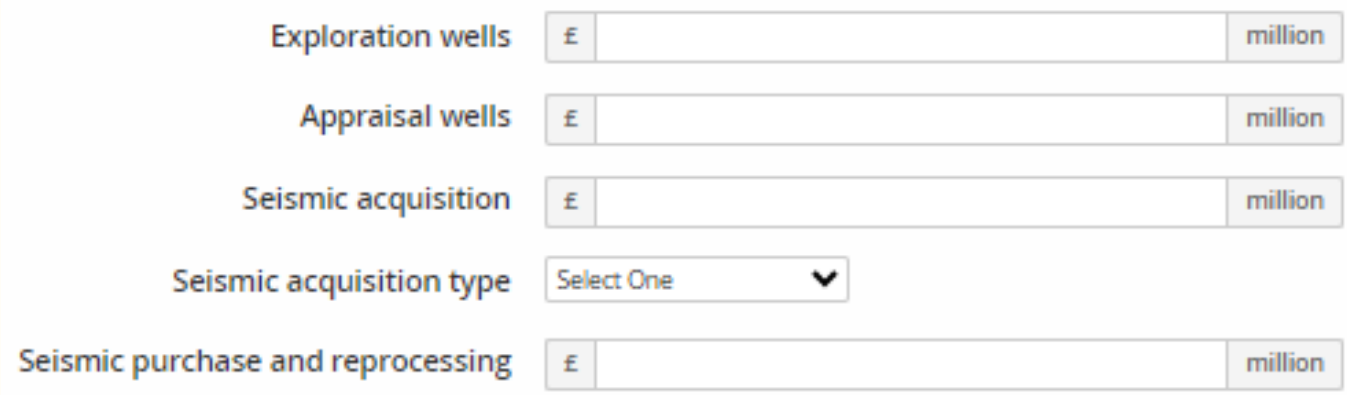
No changes were made in the Exploration and Appraisal section of the UKSS (UK Stewardship Survey).

2. EXPENDITURE

Information is required about the overall costs of Exploration & Appraisal (E&A) activity for the Licences that you operate.
Actual values are required for the survey year and projections are required for the following 3 years based on your plans to deliver firm and optional work programmes for the licences that you operate. Only hydrocarbon activity should be entered into the Licensing section at this time. Please do not provide details of activity on Carbon Storage licenses at this time.

Please detail the pre-tax cost in 100% gross figures for the licence for

(i) exploration wells,
(ii) appraisal wells,
(iii) seismic acquisition and
(iv) seismic purchase and reprocessing, for which your company is the operator.



NOTE:

(1) The units are in 'Millions'
e.g. If the Exploration wells are £5,200,000, then enter 5.2 into the box.

(2) Options for *'Seismic acquisition type?':*

- No seismic acquisition
- 2D Conventional
- 2D Broadband
- 3D Conventional
- 3D Broadband
- OBC
- OBN
- Multi-Azimuth
- Other

3. CHECKLIST

Below are the some of the detailed QC steps that this section will go through. If you think your data will not pass these checks, please add as much information in the general comments section as possible to help us understand why.

- Is the timing of activity being described in the survey consistent with the Initial Term Licence deadlines (e.g., is a firm well delivered before the end of Phase C? Or is seismic acquisition completed before the end of Phase B?)
- Are survey year spend levels consistent with major work items carried out?
- Are future year spend forecast levels consistent with likely timing for exploration and appraisal well delivery?
- Is a proposed or possible well correctly classified as exploration, appraisal, or development?
- Is any Out of Round licensing activity ongoing in neighbouring areas?
- Have Firm Work Programme commitments been delivered yet?
- Do NSTA need to request additional proof of this?
- Check relinquishment status for licences where UKSS states that relinquishment has taken place in survey year?
- Would the planned licence activity timing require extension of a licence phase?
- Is the activity subject to an agreed Alternative Work Programme, and has that been correctly represented in the UKSS?

4. CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any issues when using the UKSS Stewardship Survey then please email stewardshipsurvey@nstauthority.co.uk and the stewardship team will respond as quick as possible.

If you find any errors with the data or question options presented on this survey form, then please report the error to the UK Energy Portal Service Desk by calling 0300 067 1682 or email ukop@nstauthority.co.uk.

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