

Capacity Market Application for Qualification

Guidance Note

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1. Capacity Market - Unit Qualification Guide

This guide and the associated forms have been published to give Participants the necessary information needed to submit an Application for Qualification in respect of one or more Candidate Units for a specific Capacity Auction.

Capacity Market Participants should refer to the Capacity Market Code throughout. This document is provided for information purposes only and where there is any conflict between the information here and the Capacity Market Code, the latter always prevails. Please contact the Capacity Market Team if you have any outstanding queries or questions regarding the forms at capacitymarket@sem-o.com.

2. Contact Details

The following are the official contact details that should be used for submission of the Unit application documents.

2.1. Postal Correspondence:

Capacity Market
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160 Shelbourne Road
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2.2. Email Correspondence:

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2.3. Phone Correspondence:

If you have any questions on the application process or details, please contact
1800 726772 (ROI) or 0800 0726772 (NI)
+353 (1) 2370584 (International)

3. Introduction

In order to participate in a Capacity Auction, a Party must have:

- a) Registered the Candidate Units.
- b) Registered a Capacity Aggregation Unit (CAU), if planning to Combine Candidate Units under a single Capacity Market Unit.
- c) Qualified the Candidate Unit or CAU as a Capacity Market Unit (CMU) for the specific Capacity Auction.

Please refer to the [Accession Process and Provisional Registration Process - Guidance Note](#) for further information on the Registration Process.

4. Application for Qualification

Applications for Qualification are submitted via the Capacity Market Platform (CMP). In order to gain access to CMP, a Party must register the Candidate Unit they wish to submit an Application for Qualification for by the Participation Notice Closing Date for the relevant Capacity Auction.

Please refer to the [Application for Qualification Capacity Market Platform](#) for further information on how to submit an Application for Qualification via CMP.

- Once an Auction is created in CMP, Applications for Qualification are created automatically for CUs and Generators registered in CMP as *read-only*.
- When the Qualification Application Gate opens, Applications for Qualification enter *edit* mode.
- Applications for Qualifications can be saved as *draft* while the Application Gate is open.
- When an Application for Qualification is submitted, the status will change to '*Submitted*'.
- Applications for Qualification can be submitted up until the *Qualification Application Closing Date*. Once the Qualification Application Closing Date has passed, Applications for Qualification can no longer be edited.
- The System Operators will assess the Application for Qualification.
- Qualification decisions will be published as per the relevant Capacity Auction Timetable.

Further details on the Capacity Market Qualification process can be found in the Capacity Market Code Section E.1 and Capacity Market Code Agreed Procedure.

4.1. Submitting an Opt-out

Please note that where a Party wishes to Opt-out of qualification for one or more of its Candidate Units for the Capacity Auction, an Opt-out notification (one per Candidate Unit) must be submitted along with supporting evidence of consent from the Regulators where applicable.

The Candidate Unit must meet the Opt-out criteria as defined in CMC Section E.3. The Opt-out notification is only available to Candidate Units as defined in CMC Section E.2. A Party shall not submit an Opt-out notification in respect of a Candidate Unit for which an application for qualification is voluntary.

A Participant seeking a determination of Opt-out to satisfy CMC Section E.3.1.1(b) **shall submit an application to the Regulatory Authorities not later than four weeks prior to the Opt-out Notification Date specified in the Capacity Auction Timetable**. Please refer to CMC Section E.3.2 for detailed requirements. The Opt-out Notification is **optional**.

A signed, scanned copy of the “C33 Capacity Market - Opt-out Notification” must be uploaded to the Capacity Market Platform by the Opt-out notification deadline specified in the Capacity Auction timetable.

Where a Candidate Unit chooses to Opt-out there will still be a requirement for the Party to complete the registration of the Candidate Unit.

4.2. CO2 Emissions

Any party seeking to qualify capacity must adhere to the CO2 emission limits as detailed in the Electricity Regulation (EU) 2019/943 Article 22 paragraph 4 as linked below. Emission values must be calculated in accordance with SEM Committee decisions using the methodology set out in the ACER guidance document also linked below. The calculations applied by the Participant to determine Specific Emissions and, where applicable, Annual Emissions must be provided with the Application for Qualification to demonstrate how the Participant has complied with the relevant guidance.

[Electricity Regulation](#)

4.3. Annual Run Hour limits

In accordance with paragraph E.4.1.2 and paragraph 8 of 'Appendix D: Qualification Data' of the Capacity Market Code, the System Operators require any party seeking to qualify capacity to declare any limits on the number of hours that the Candidate Unit can run over the duration of the Capacity Year at an output equal to the Initial Capacity provided.

These limits may arise for all Candidate Units that use combustion that must comply with any relevant environmental legislation or otherwise (including emissions to air, water, noise etc). A value of between zero and 8,760 hours must be entered into the corresponding cell on the CU tab for the relevant Candidate Unit. Details of the relevant limits should be provided in the form of supporting documentation including for units where ARHL is considered to be 8760 hours.

4.4. Supporting Documents

4.4.1. 4(a) Capacity Market - Unit Qualification Fee

When qualifying a Unit for the Capacity Market a Unit Qualification Fee is required. This must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into the relevant SEM Bank Account in Euro or Pounds, depending on which currency zone the Unit is located.

Please contact SEMO, who will provide the I-SEM Bank Account details for making the payment.

The qualification fees applicable are based on the jurisdiction of the Unit. The current fees per Capacity Market Unit application are:

Ireland: €0.00 (including VAT)

Northern Ireland: £0.00 (including VAT)

All payments should include the following reference on the EFT to allow SEMO to confirm the payment.

Reference on EFT: "CUQF<Participant ID>"

Please note - if the current fee is zero, there is no payout required.

4.4.2. 4(b) Exception Application - Unit Specific Price Application

In accordance with Capacity Market Code Appendix D, where a Party is seeking a Unit Specific Price Cap in respect of Existing Capacity from a Capacity Market Unit, this must be approved by the Regulatory Authorities.

Details of the format for submission will be provided by the Regulatory Authorities.

4.4.3. 4(c) Exception Application - Maximum Capacity Duration

In accordance with Capacity Market Code Appendix D, where a Party is seeking a Maximum Capacity Duration in respect of New Capacity from a Capacity Market Unit, evidence of Regulatory Authorities approval for a Maximum Capacity Duration must be provided as part of the qualification application.

The evidence is mandatory for all qualification applications where a Maximum Capacity Duration is being requested.

Separate evidence is required for each Candidate Unit.

A scanned copy of the evidence must be uploaded to the Capacity Market Platform.

4.4.4. 4(d) New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold

In accordance with Capacity Market Code Appendix D, where a Party is seeking a New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold in respect of New Capacity from a Capacity Market Unit, evidence of Regulatory Authority

approval for a New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold must be provided as part of the qualification application.

The evidence is **mandatory for all qualification applications where a New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold is being requested.**

Separate evidence is required for each Candidate Unit.

A scanned copy of the evidence must be uploaded to the Capacity Market Platform.

4.4.5. 4(e) Implementation Plan and Evidence of Connection

In accordance with the Capacity Market Code Appendix D, where a Party is seeking New Capacity for inclusion in the qualification of a Capacity Market Unit, an Implementation Plan must be provided as part of the qualification application.

An Implementation Plan is included within the Application for Qualification form in CMP. This must be completed for each Candidate Unit seeking New Capacity.

The Implementation Plan is mandatory for all qualification applications where New Capacity is requesting qualification. Please check CMC Appendix D for full requirements.

4.4.6. 4(f) Evidence of Aggregated Generation Unit

In accordance with Capacity Market Code Section E.7.4, where a Party is seeking qualification for a Capacity Year in respect of Existing Capacity for an Aggregated Generator Unit, the Party must provide evidence that it is able to control and deliver the output of each Generator comprising the Aggregated Generator Unit during that Capacity Year (for example by submitting a copy of a Generator Aggregator System Operator Agreement relating to that Generator).

The evidence is mandatory for all qualification applications where an AGU is seeking to qualify Existing Capacity.

Separate evidence is required for each Candidate Unit. A scanned copy of the evidence must be uploaded to the Capacity Market Platform.

4.4.7. 4(g) Confirmation of Allocation of Maximum Export Capacity for Shared Connection Point

In accordance with Capacity Market Code Section C.3.4.1, any Generator Unit (that is not a Demand Side Unit) Connected at a single Connection Point that has not been registered by the same Participant will be required to submit an Application for Qualification which relates to any of those Generator Units. The Application for Qualification must include confirmation from each person that is party to the Connection Agreement (other than a System Operator or, if applicable, a Distribution System Operator) in respect of that Connection Point of the allocation of the Maximum Export Capacity at that Connection Point between those Generator Units such that the allocated Maximum Export Capacity is not exceeded across all of those Generator Units.

4.4.8. 4(h) Confirmation and Signature page

Please ensure any amended or re-submitted forms are accompanied by a new signed & dated Confirmation and Signature form within the Capacity Market Platform.

4.5. Other Supporting Information (Appendix D8)

The following forms should be submitted by Participants in respect of Candidate Units where the relevant condition applies:

Who should use form?	Relevant Form	Where multiple Candidate Units apply
Participants seeking eligibility for a connection offer in respect of a Candidate Unit under CRU Direction D/26/14099, please include a completed C3PA form in your Application for Qualification.	<u>C3PA - Confirmation of Planning Approval v1.3.docx</u>	Where Candidate Units share the same planning permission, a single form may be submitted listing all the relevant Candidate Units
Participants seeking to Opt-Out in respect of a Candidate Unit, please submit a completed C33 form.	<u>C33-Capacity-Market-Opt-Out-Notification-v1.3</u>	In the case of multiple Candidate Units, where the same conditions apply, a single form can be used.
Participants seeking to qualify Candidate Units that are Gas Turbines and are seeking a gas connection, please include a completed R2C2 form in your Application for Qualification.	<u>R2C2 - Gas Turbine Information Consent Form (v1.3).docx</u>	Where Candidate Units expect to share the same gas connection, they can be included on the same form.
Participants seeking to submit separate Confirmation and Signature forms, please complete the MCS1 form accordingly.	<u>MCS1 - Manual Confirmation and Signature.docx</u>	Participants may submit a single Confirmation and Signature form which is generated by the Capacity Market Platform.