



4th exploration and CO₂ storage licensing round

FAQ – updated on 31 January 2025

In order to secure transparency during the application process, the DEA is providing an FAQ. Questions are numbered and answers are marked in *blue italics*.

Q1: Is there a minimum work program required for the awarded licences? Is new seismic data expected to be featured in the program?

A1: It is up to the applicants to offer an exploration work program they consider necessary to apply for a storage licence later on. As such, there are no minimum requirements. However, the DEA considers it unlikely that it should be possible to comprehensively explore an area with a view to CO₂ storage without acquiring any new seismic data.

Q2: Will the list of participants in the meeting on 15 January be distributed?

A2: A list of participants will not be distributed.

Q3: Will the application undergo partial review by other authorities to ensure early alignment/endorsement of the planned exploration activities?

A3: No other authorities are involved in the evaluation. However, the DEA can decide to involve GEUS or Nordsøfonden to help evaluate specific parts of the applications. The DEA can involve other authorities or initiate a hearing, but it is not the plan. An authority hearing is normally initiated when physical activities (e.g. seismic acquisition) are applied for.

Q4: Will the application documents be made public?

A4: The application documents will not be made public. However, it is possible to apply for access to documents. In that case, the DEA can consult with relevant parties before making a decision when processing the access request. Licences granted will be made public, including the work program.

Q5: Can an applicant be a foreign entity?

A5: Yes. Being a Danish entity is not a requirement.

Q6: Are bid bonds required?

A6: No, Bid bonds are not required, but the suggested work program is considered binding. If the licensee does not comply with the items in the work program, the DEA may issue orders or fines, or the licence may be withdrawn. It follows from section 36, subsection 2 of the model licence that if any part of the work program is not carried out when relinquishing the licence, the licensee shall (unless the competent authority grants a derogation thereof) pay to the Exchequer an amount equal to what the fulfilment of the obligations would have cost.

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Q7: Can you apply for more than one licence area?

A6: You can apply for one or more licence areas tendered. A dedicated work program is required for each applied licence area. The applications must also amongst other demonstrate sufficient technical and financial capacity for the total number of licence areas applied for.

Q8: There is a discrepancy between the “Guarantees” sections in the Danish and English versions of the Letter of Invitation.

A8: The English version of the Letter of Invitation has been updated on the website to remove the discrepancy. The sentence “In general, the guarantee must be from the ultimate parent company to the company that is to take part in the licence, and this must usually be a restricted guarantee in terms of time and amount” has been corrected to “In general, the guarantee must be from the ultimate parent company to the company that is to take part in the licence, and this must usually be a unlimited guarantee in terms of time and amount”.