



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Donegal County Council Application Form to Extend the Appropriate Period

BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS FORM PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Please ensure that each section of this application form is fully completed and signed. The applicant should enter N/A (not applicable) where appropriate.

Please ensure that all necessary documentation is attached to the application form.

Failure to complete this form or attach the necessary documentation, or the submission of incorrect information or omission of required information will lead to the application not being processed until the necessary information has been furnished.

The “appropriate period” is often referred to as the “life” of a permission and it may be extended in particular circumstances on application to a Planning Authority. The Planning & Development Act 2000 was amended on 9th September 2021 & 1st August 2025 and introduced changes that permitted consideration of applications to extend or further extend a planning permission subject to provisions set out in the Act.

Amendment of Act of 2000 (effective 9th September 2021)

Of significant note is that **NO PERMISSION CAN NOW BE EXTENDED OR FURTHER EXTENDED UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL WORKS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT** pursuant to the permission prior to the extension or further extension being applied for.

An application to extend the duration of the permission must be made prior to the end of the appropriate period, but not earlier than one year before it expires and must be made in accordance with the corresponding regulations made under the Act. A Planning Authority shall extend a permission, as appropriate, provided the Authority is satisfied that:

1. The development to which the permission relates was commenced before the expiration of the appropriate period sought to be extended, and
2. Substantial works were carried out pursuant to the permission during that period, and
3. The development will be completed within a reasonable time.

Amendment of section 42 of Act of 2000 (relates to housing developments and is effective from 1st August 2025 to 1st February 2026)

(1A) Where development consisting of, or including, **one or more than one house** in respect of which permission was granted **has not commenced** within the appropriate period, a planning authority shall, subject to subsection (8), extend the appropriate period by such additional period (not exceeding 3 years) as the planning authority considers requisite to enable the development concerned to be completed, provided that—

- (a) an application is made (in accordance with such regulations under this Act as apply to such an application)—
 - (i) before, but not earlier than 2 years before, the end of the appropriate period, and
 - (ii) not later than 6 months after the date on which section 28 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2025 comes into operation, to the planning authority for an extension of the appropriate period, and
- (b) the authority is satisfied that the development will be completed within a reasonable time.

(1B) A person shall not be entitled to make an application under subsection (1) if the appropriate period in respect of the permission concerned was, at any time, extended under subsection (1A).”

N.B. These notes are intended for the guidance of applicants only and do not purport to be a legal interpretation of the various acts and regulations referred to.



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Application for Extension of Duration

<i>For Office Use Only</i>	
Ref No:	
Date Received:	
DED:	
Land Use Code:	

All applications are to be sent preferably to the planning mailbox planning@donegalcoco.ie or in hard copy to Donegal County Council, Planning Services, County House, Lifford, Co Donegal, Ireland, F93 Y622. Payment may be made in advance by contacting the cash office on 074 9153900.

1.	Name of Applicant: <i>Address must be supplied at the end of this form (Q.18)</i>		
2.	Name of Person/Agent acting on behalf of the applicant (if any): <i>Address must be supplied at the end of this form (Q.19)</i>		
3.	Location, townland or postal address of the land or structure concerned, as may be appropriate- include Eircode:		
4.	Description of development to which permission relates:		
5.	State the legal interest in the land or structure held by the applicant:		
6.	The reference number of the permission sought to be extended and the date of the permission:		
7.	The date on which the permission will cease to have affect:		
8.	Is the development consisting of, or including, one or more than one house?	Yes	No
9.	Has development commenced within the appropriate period (if applicable)?	Yes	No
10.	The date the development commenced (if applicable):		

11.	Particulars of substantial works carried out to date, or which will be carried out pursuant to the permission before the expiration of the appropriate period (if applicable):	
12.	The projected date of recommencement of the development (if applicable):	
13.	Particulars of works to be carried out over the extended period being applied for (if applicable)?	
14.	Date on which the development is expected to be completed?	
15.	Additional period by which the permission is sought to be extended?	
16.	Is the development within, close to or have the potential to significantly affect a Natura 2000 site (i.e. A Special Area of Conservation or a Special Protection Area)?	
17.	Is the development of a type that comes under classes of development types listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) regardless of any thresholds specified under said Part 2? <i>(Did or would the subject development require an EIAR/EIS previously or in light of an extension being granted respectively).</i>	
18.	If the answer to question 17 above is YES has the applicant or the agent either (a) submitted the information required under Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), or, (b) contacted the Planning Authority to ascertain additional requirements of this application?	
19.	Please provide Fee Details: <i>Fee Amount:</i> <i>Receipt Number:</i>	€62

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and fully compliant with the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder.

Applicant/Agent (Delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION
NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITH THE APPLICATION**

- Applicant / Agent details are required. The provision of additional contact information such as email addresses or telephone numbers is voluntary and will only be used by the Planning Authority to contact you should it be deemed necessary for the purposes of administering the application.
- This page will not be published as part of the application file.

18.	Applicant's Address	
	Eircode	
	Telephone No.	
	Email Address (if any)	

19.	Address of Person/Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any)	
	Eircode	
	Telephone No.	
	Email Address	

20.	Address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent, including Eircode.	
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