

Aquaculture Business Vessel Fuel Support Scheme Claim Documentation Guidelines

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Eligible Expenditure

What is Funded?

Fuel costs:

- Only related to aquaculture vessels/barges which are *not* on the Irish Register of Fishing Boats
- Eligible vessels must provide fuel invoice and/or receipts and proof of purchase documentation for each fuel transaction (see below for details).

Ineligible Expenditure

Any expenditure other than that defined above. For clarity:

- fuel costs related to any other part of the aquaculture operation e.g. tractors, vans, lorries, etc, are not eligible; and
- fuel costs related to any aquaculture vessel which is on the Irish Register of Fishing Boats are not eligible.

Fuel Invoice/Receipt

All invoices/receipts must be:

- dated from **01/March/2025 to 31/July/2025**.
- from VAT-registered or equivalent suppliers clearly displaying:
 - Supplier full legal Name and Address
 - Supplier Vat/Tax Number or equivalent
 - Type of Fuel (e.g. Petrol, Marine Gas Oil, Low Sulphur Diesel Oil, etc.)
 - Volume of fuel in litres
 - Cost per ltr. (€)

Proof of payment for Invoice/Receipt

Proof of payment:

- Must be paid by 31/12/2025.
- Bank statement in the Name of the Applicant, clearly showing the payment(s) matching the Proof of Purchase Documentation (Invoice / receipt).
- Where a transaction was paid for by Credit Card or other method a copy of the relevant credit card statement in the name of the Applicant must accompany the copy of the Bank Statement showing the Credit Card bill has been paid in full.
- **Cash Payments are accepted**, please see further instructions below.



Cash payments

If you paid in cash, send just one document from the list below, per transaction. It should clearly show the payment was in cash.

Invoice

The invoice must show:

- Supplier full legal name and address
- Supplier VAT / tax number (if applicable)
- Unique invoice number
- Invoice date
- Description of goods/services
- Quantity / unit price
- Total value (VAT breakdown where applicable)
- Company or individual name

Payment status wording on Invoice - The invoice must be marked with one of the following:

- "PAID"
- "PAID IN FULL"
- "SETTLED"
- "ACCOUNT CLEARED"

Or

Receipt

The receipt must show:

- "Paid in full" OR "Cash received"
- Clear indication of cash payment method
- Date of payment
- Exact amount paid
- Reference to invoice number
- Supplier signature and/or official stamp

Or

Settlement Statement

The supplier statements must show:

- Supplier name and address
- Statement date
- Company or individual name
- Invoice(s) numbers
- Invoice dates
- Invoice amounts
- Payments received dates
- Payment amounts
- Running balance
- The invoice fully cleared (zero balance)

