

# Improvements to credit wanted listings

## For accredited assessors and community users

The department is improving the way that credit wanted (credit demand) listings are made in the Biodiversity Offset and Agreement Management System (BOAMS).

The improvements are being made in stages. Stage 1 of the improvements is now live in BOAMS.

#### Stage 1 improvements to credit demand listings

- Additional controls to extend, relist or de-list a credit demand listing
- Aligning default listing expiry date of 100 calendar days with the <u>Ancillary</u> <u>rules: Reasonable steps to seek like-for-like biodiversity credits for the purpose</u> <u>of applying the variation rules</u>
- Enhancements to the user experience to include additional help text within the system
- New credit demand listing PDF reports available when a listing is published, or the expiry date of a listing is changed (shortened or extended)
- Enhanced email notifications to the contact person on a credit demand listing, when a listing is published or delisted and when changes are made to a listing
- Enhanced email notifications when a credit demand listing is due to expire
- Improvements to public demand register to remove unused fields.

#### What is a credit demand listing?

Credit demand listings are a way for participants in the BOS to publish the details of the number, type and location of credits required to meet a credit obligation.

Credit demand listings are published on the BOS Credit demand public register.

Making a credit demand listing is voluntary for most proponents. However, if a proponent is seeking to apply the variation offset rules, the proponent must make a listing in the BOS Credit demand public register in accordance with the <u>Ancillary rules</u>: <u>Reasonable steps to seek like-for-like biodiversity credits for the purpose of applying the variation rules</u>.

### Credit demand listing tips

- Accredited assessor users can create a credit demand listing by logging into their BOAMS assessor account, choosing 'Credit wanted listing', completing all mandatory fields and following the steps in the new help box.
- Community users in BOAMS can create credit demand listings by logging into their BOAMS community user account, choosing 'Credit wanted listing', completing all mandatory fields and following the steps in the new help box.
  - If you are a community user creating a credit demand listing for the first time, please enquire with the BOS Helpdesk to check if you already have a BOAMS account.
  - If you are certain that you do not have an existing BOAMS account, you can create one.
  - Any community user that has not logged into BOAMS before will need to contact the BOS Helpdesk to finalise account creation.
- There is no limit to the number of listings one person can create.
- Ensure your web browser has allowed pop-ups from BOAMS to enter details about the credits wanted in the 'Vegetation and threatened species' tab.
- A case must be in 'Submitted' status to appear on the public register.
- To remove a listing from the public register, change the case status to 'Terminated' in BOAMS.
- Only change the 'Public register expiry date' on a case if you want to extend or relist the listing.

#### Help with credit demand listings

Please contact the <u>BOS Helpdesk</u> for any help with credit demand listings. This includes if you have made a mistake when creating the listing or if you need to amend the contact details for the listing.

For legal reasons you may not be able to edit the date the listing was made, the name of the person/entity the listing is made for, or the credits included in the listing. You may be required to provide proof of identity if you make a request in relation to a credit demand listing.

#### Future updates

The department will let you know when further improvements to credit demand listings are live in BOAMS.

The department is also working on an updated BOAMS user guide for accredited assessors and community users. These guides are expected to be published in 2023.

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