

# [Guidance: Bats: mitigation class licence to allow low impact work on bat roosts \(CL21\)](#)

*Updated:* Replaced application forms for annexes A, B, and C or D with updated versions.

The bat 'low impact' licence (CL21) is a mitigation class licence that allows a registered ecological consultant to interfere with certain bats and their roosts. There are 4 annexes to this licence that specify:

- which species and roost type you can interfere with
- areas in England where you can carry out work

Use the guide to find out:

- the criteria you must meet to become a registered consultant
- what the licence allows you to do
- which licence annex is right for you
- how to apply and which form to use

Use the relevant application form for the annex you choose.

## **Filling in your form**

Read the guidance for the internet browser you're using.

### **Using Internet Explorer**

Open the relevant form to download it and save it to your computer.

You must save your changes as you fill in the form. If you do not do this, you risk losing your work. We do not recommend using a tablet or mobile device.

If you need Adobe Reader to complete the form, it's free to download. [Download the latest version of Adobe Reader](#). Contact Natural England [batlowimpactcl@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:batlowimpactcl@naturalengland.org.uk) if you have problems.

### **Using Chrome**

Do not try to open the form. Instead, right click on the link to the form by using the right button on your mouse or mouse pad.

Click on 'Save link as' to save the form to your computer.

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