

Gate 1 Frequently Asked Questions (November 2025)



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Q.1. What is a Gate 1?

A.1 The NESO Gate 1 notice relating to your project and issued to the DNO will contain ONLY an indicative connection date and indicative point of connection. The DNO will in turn issue you with a Notice of Gate 1 Variation, reflecting the NESO Gate 1 notice, and includes:

- An indicative connection date
- An indicative point of connection
- Confirmation that all previously identified DNO works and costs are now indicative

Your project will then be removed from the connections queue.

The Notice of Gate 1 Variation remains in force until it is either cancelled by you, or you re-apply via one of the options below, following which a revised offer is issued.

Cancellation charges and capital contributions will be returned to you if you hold them and the Gate 1 will have no milestones associated with it.

Q.2. How do I get a Gate 1?

A.2 As part of the Gate 2 to Whole Queue (G2tWQ) exercise under Connections Reform and as part of the enduring Gate 2 process, you may receive a Gate 1 notice for your project, this could be due to:

- Not meeting the Gate 2 criteria,
- Choosing not to submit evidence
- Opting for a Gate 1.

In addition, as part of G2tWQ if a Gate 2 offer is received from NESO for your project but you choose not to accept it, then a Gate 1 notice will be issued and the DNO will issue a Notice of Gate 1 Variation.

Q.3. When will my securities and/or capital contributions be returned?

A.2. If you are eligible for a full refund of your Cancellation Charge Securities paid and / or capital contributions, we anticipate this refund will be made approximately within 3 months of receiving your Gate 1 Variation.

Please note any monies held by NGED will also accrue interest ("Refund").

Q.4. How do I go back through the Gate 2 process?

A4. Please refer to the ENA Guidance document (link below) which talks through the process of converting a Gate 1 into a Gate 2 Offer.

[ENA Gate 1 Guidance Document – Energy Networks Association \(ENA\)](#)