

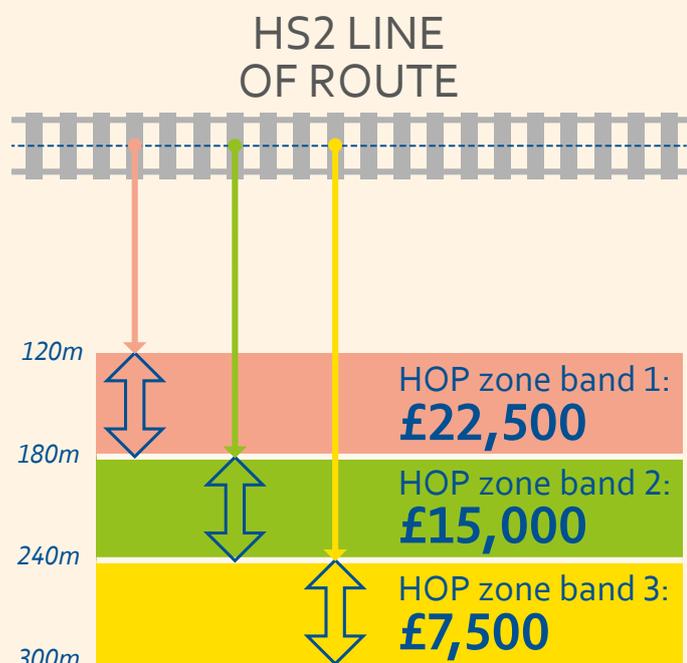
Are you eligible for an HS2 Homeowner Payment?



Parliament has approved plans for the High Speed Two (HS2) railway between London and the West Midlands. This means that the Government's Homeowner Payment (HOP) scheme for this part of the route (Phase One) is now open for applications.

What is the HOP scheme?

The HOP scheme is available for property owners living in rural areas near the planned HS2 route where the line is not in a deep tunnel. Eligible property owners will be able to apply for a cash payment of £7,500, £15,000 or £22,500 depending on how close they live to the planned HS2 line. The scheme operates within a fixed "HOP zone", 120 metres to 300 metres either side of the centre-line of the planned railway.



You are eligible for a payment under the HOP scheme if you meet all of the following criteria:

- you own a freehold of the property, or hold a lease with over three years still remaining (including housing association and shared ownership properties);
- you have been resident in the property for at least six months in the past 18 months;
- your property is wholly or partly in the HOP zone. If it is partly in the zone, either your dwelling (house or small business premises) or 25% of the whole area of your land must be in the zone; and
- you became an owner of the property on or before 9 April 2014, which is the date the scheme was first proposed.

You will need to check the plans for HS2 to see if your property is in the HOP zone and which band it falls within. Maps showing the proposed route for HS2 and the HOP zone bands for this area are available at the link below. If your house is in more than one band, you will receive the higher of the two payments.

Submitting your application

If you think you may be eligible, you will need to submit an application form with supporting evidence. You can find the form and further evidence online at: www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2 or you can ask the helpdesk to send you a copy.

How long do I have to apply?

You do not have to apply immediately. The HOP scheme will be open for applications until one year after Phase One of the railway is first open for public use, currently expected in 2026.

Other schemes are available for properties closer to the railway, or for those who have a compelling need to sell. For further details, please see: www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2.

Where can I find out more information?

We are here to help you through the process and answer any questions you may have. You can contact us directly by calling the HS2 helpdesk on 020 7944 4908 or emailing HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk. The helpdesk can explain the scheme and help you check whether your property is in the HOP zone.