

Application for an opal prospecting licence

Form SST3, *Mining Act 1992*



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Lodgement information

For help with lodging this application, or for more information about authorisations in New South Wales, contact:

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Note

- any reference to the '**Department**' in this form, refers to **Regional NSW**

How to lodge this form

Applications within Lightning Ridge Mineral Claims District

- In person:** Submit your application in person at the Department Office, Shop 1, 3 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge, New South Wales. Office hours are 9.30am to 4.00pm Mon-Thurs, 9.30am to 1.00pm Friday.

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This information is collected by the Department for the purposes of assessing an application for an authorisation or an application associated with an authority as required by the *Mining Act 1992* or Mining Regulation 2016.

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When to use this form

This form is to be completed by individuals and companies applying for an opal prospecting licence.

It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of [s226](#) of the *Mining Act 1992* and the Mining Regulation 2016.

If there is insufficient room in any of the fields, please provide the information as an attachment.

Important notes

Accompanying documentation

Any information or document that is required to accompany this application should be lodged within **10 business days of the lodgement date**. Failure to supply the information within this timeframe may be considered as grounds for refusing the application according to [cl6\(d\) sch1B](#) of the *Mining Act 1992*.

From 1 July 2012, all authorisations are subject to a Term Administrative Levy to improve regulation. New requirements have also been introduced in relation to minimum security deposits. For further information on these fees and minimum security deposits please refer to the Department's [website](#).

The Department's [website](#) provides comprehensive information relating to fees, completion of applications, methods of lodgment, Departmental policies, office locations, Native Title and contact details.

Agents

If this application is lodged by an agent on behalf of the applicant/s, the Department may seek confirmation of the authority under which the agent operates and any limits of that authority. The agent will need to complete the declaration at the end of this form and supply evidence of their appointment, if not already supplied to the Department ([cl97](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016).

Next steps

Once your application has been received, it will be considered and may be granted or refused by the Secretary. We will notify you in writing of the outcome of your application.

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1 Applicant/s details

To be eligible to hold a small-scale title, you must be a person 18 years of age or older, or a company eligible to undertake business in New South Wales. Provide the full name of applicant/s, contact details and if applicable, the ACN or ARBN (for foreign companies).

If the applicant/s is a foreign entity, provide proof that the applicant/s is authorised to operate and carry out business in New South Wales.

1st Applicant details	
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an individual and is at least 18 years old.
Contact phone	
Contact email	
ACN / ARBN	
Street address (Registered street address for a company)	
Postal address	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above

2nd Applicant details	
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an individual and is at least 18 years old.
Contact phone	
Contact email	
ACN / ARBN	
Street address (Registered street address for a company)	
Postal address	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above

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3rd Applicant details

Name	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an individual and is at least 18 years old.
Contact phone	
Contact email	
ACN / ARBN	
Street address (Registered street address for a company)	
Postal address	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above

Additional applicants

Provide the full name, contact details, ACN or ARBN (for foreign companies), street address (individual), registered street address (company) and postal address details of additional applicants.

Additional details

Your preferred contact method

- Email (for companies - provide a company email address which is regularly monitored rather than an individual employee's email address)
- Mail (including DX)

2 Opal Prospecting Area

Number

3 Opal Prospecting Block

Number

4 Department drilling rig registration number

Number

5 Prospecting methods to be used

Such as auger drilling/caldwell drilling

6 Compliance history

6.1 Have you (or in the case of a company, any director of the company) ever contravened the *Mining Act 1992*, or the regulations, or been convicted of any other offence relating to mining or minerals?

Where the answer is 'yes' you must give full details of the offence. If you have been convicted of an offence under the *Mining Act 1992* this will be taken into consideration in making recommendations regarding the grant of an opal prospecting licence or mineral claim.

- No
- Yes – if yes, provide details:

6.2 Provide details of any conviction under the environment protection legislation or other relevant legislation in the 5 years immediately before the application is made.

As defined in [cl4](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016.

7 Fee payment

The prescribed fee may be paid either by cash or credit card. For the fee payable refer to [sch9](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016.

7.1 Select your payment method

Select	Payment Method
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit card* (enter details below)
	Payment amount* \$
	Type of card*
	Cardholder's name:
	Card number:
	Expiry date (mm/yy):
	*Credit card merchant fees are applicable to all credit card payments and will be added to the payment amount at the following rates: <div style="text-align: center;"> Visa & Mastercard: 0.4% Amex: 1.4% </div>

8 Checklist of items to be included with this application

Item		Reference
For foreign entities, proof that the applicant/s is authorised to operate and carry out business in New South Wales.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 1
The application fee prescribed by the Mining Regulation 2016. From 1 July 2012, small scale titles are subject to a Term Administrative levy to fund improved regulation and new requirements in relation to minimum security deposits. For further information on the levy and minimum security deposits please refer to: https://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/applications-and-approvals/opal-mining/mining_act_fees Note: See Notice to Applicant about administrative levy, security deposit and term of claim at the back of this form. The Departmental officer will need to complete that notice, so that the amount of administrative levy payable can be calculated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 7
For agents only – evidence of appointment as agent, if this has not been previously supplied to the Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 9

9 Declaration

This form should be signed by the applicant/s (in the case of a company a duly authorised officer) or an agent authorised to act on behalf of the applicant/s.

9.1 Applicant/s (individual or company)

For each applicant (signed below):

I certify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand under the *Crimes Act 1900 NSW* Part 5A, that knowingly or recklessly giving false or misleading information is a serious offence, and under the *Mining Act 1992* section 378C, any person who provides information that the person knows to be false or misleading is guilty of an offence, for which they may be subject to prosecution.

(For companies only) In addition to the declaration above, by signing below, I **also** certify that I am authorised to complete and provide the information in this form on behalf of the company listed in section 1 of this form.

1 st Applicant details	
Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

2 nd Applicant details	
Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

3 rd Applicant details	
Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

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9.2 Agent authorised to act for this applicant/s

Evidence of appointment is required if this has not been previously supplied to the Department.

Agent details	
Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

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Application received:			
Time:		Date:	
Officer's Name			
Signature			
Fees			
Application Fee	\$		
Term Admin levy	\$		
Security bond	\$		
Landholders Compensation	\$	Total amount	\$
Receipt number			

For credit cards

Following confirmation of payment, remove the first eight digits of the credit card number from this form. Ensure that any saved copy does not include full credit card details.

Checklist

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> OMSW, STC or MSAC/MOW | <input type="checkbox"/> EAC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPL operator nomination | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opal Prospecting Licence number
(ensure licence is current) | |

Document control

Approved by: Executive Director, Resource Operations, Regional NSW under delegation from the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*.

CM9 Reference: DOC20/487765

Amendment schedule		
Date	Version #	Amendment
July 2020	1.0	New format for Regional NSW. Form updated to reflect new Departmental name and branding, and updated links.

Notice to Applicant

Administrative levy, security deposit and term of licence

Before any opal prospecting licence can be granted an administrative levy must be paid. The minimum amount of the levy is \$100 for each year or part year of the licence term.

For the purpose of calculating the levy in accordance with [s292M](#) of the *Mining Act 1992*, any applicant is hereby notified that any small-scale title granted as a result of this application:

- will be considered to have a term of ONE year (as determined under [s292M\(5\)](#) of the *Mining Act 1992*) and will therefore incur a levy charge of \$100, and
- will be subject to a condition requiring the giving and maintaining of a minimum-security deposit in accordance with [cl93\(a\)](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016.