

Information sheet (preface): Renewing an exploration licence, assessment lease or mining lease

Exploration licence

An exploration licence gives the holder the right to prospect for minerals, over a specific area of land in accordance with the conditions of the licence.

Preparing an exploration licence renewal

Your application must be prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Mining Act 1992* and *Mining Regulation 2016*.

You must, as a minimum, provide:

- the licence number or other identifying code for the licence and expiry date
- the contact details of the current licence holder/s
- a rehabilitation cost estimate
- a renewal justification statement
- details of the financial resources and technical advice available to you.
- your environmental performance record
- a proposed work program
- in the case of a renewal over only part of the land, a description, prepared in the approved manner, of the proposed exploration area.

*The maximum number of parts of an exploration that you can seek renewal for is five.

Accompanying documentation

Any information or documents required to accompany your application should be lodged within **10 business days from the date the application is lodged**. Failure to supply the information within this timeframe may be considered grounds for refusing the application.

Native title

A **standard exploration licence** is subject to a licence condition that restricts prospecting to land where native title has been extinguished.

A **low-impact exploration licence** renewal is subject to a wait period of four months after serving notice of the application (under [Section 32D](#) of the Act) on all:

- registered native title bodies corporate
- registered native title claimants
- representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies.

Notice of the application must be accompanied by a map or other description of the land and a description of the proposed operations.

Agents

If an application is lodged by an agent on behalf of applicant/s, the Department of Regional NSW may seek confirmation of the authority under which the agent operates and any limits of that

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authority. The agent should complete the declaration and supply evidence of their appointment (as required by [clause 97](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016).

Fees

Application fees are calculated in accordance with [Schedule 9](#) of the Mining Regulation 2016. A payment surcharge applies for credit card transactions.

More information

For more information about exploration licences, refer to the [Industry guideline for mineral \(non-coal\) explorers](#).

For help or more information about renewing an exploration licence in NSW, please contact:

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Assessment lease

An assessment lease gives the holder the right to prospect for minerals, over a specific area of land in accordance with the conditions of the lease.

Preparing an assessment lease renewal

Your application must be prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Mining Act 1992* and Mining Regulation 2016.

You must, as a minimum, provide:

- the lease number or other identifying code for the lease and expiry date
- the contact details of the current lease holder/s
- a rehabilitation cost estimate
- a renewal justification statement
- details of the financial resources and technical advice available to you
- your environmental performance record
- a proposed work program
- in the case of a renewal over only part of the land, a description, prepared in the approved manner, of the proposed assessment area.

Accompanying documentation

Any information or document required to accompany this application should be lodged within **10 business days of the date the application is lodged**. Failure to supply the information within this timeframe may be considered as grounds for refusing the application.

Agents

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Fees

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More information

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Mining lease

A mining lease can give the holder rights over a specific area of land: to mine and prospect for minerals, conduct primary treatment operations and carry out ancillary mining activities. A mining lease may also be limited to carrying out ancillary mining activities only.

Preparing a mining lease renewal

Your application must be prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Mining Act 1992* and Mining Regulation 2016.

You must, as a minimum, provide:

- the lease number or other identifying code for the lease and expiry date
- the contact details of the current lease holder/s
- a rehabilitation cost estimate
- a renewal justification statement
- your environmental performance record
- a proposed work program (see section 129A of the Act)
- in the case of a renewal over only part of the land, a description, prepared in the approved manner, of the proposed mining area.

Work program

If you do not have development consent, your application must contain a work program indicating the nature and extent of operations to be carried out and your commitments to timing and carrying out activities (such as community consultation, environmental management and rehabilitation), as required by Section 129A of *the Mining Act*.

If you already have development consent, you do **not** need to provide a work program with your application.

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Fees

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