

Renewal of a Mineral Title

Guideline 4

This guideline summarises the requirements for a person making an application for the renewal of a mineral title under the Mineral Titles Act 2010 (the Act) and Mineral Titles Regulations 2011 (the Regulations).

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Before the end of the term of a mineral title, the title holder may apply in the approved form to the Minister for a renewal.

The following lists the renewal term for each mineral title:

- Exploration Licence - Term not exceeding two (2) years
- Exploration Licence in Retention - Term not exceeding five (5) years
- Mineral Lease - Term the Minister considers appropriate
- Extractive Mineral Exploration Licence - Not renewable
- Extractive Mineral Permit - Term not exceeding five (5) years
- Extractive Mineral Lease - Term not exceeding ten (10) years
- Mineral Authority - Term the Minister considers appropriate

Where an application for renewal is not determined until after the date of expiry of the previous term, by virtue of Section 68 of the Act, the mineral title is deemed to continue in force until the application for renewal is determined.

Where the application relates to the first renewal of an exploration licence, the title holder must have undertaken the required reduction of title area, or sought approval from the Minister to not reduce, partially reduce, or defer the reduction of the title area under section 29 of the Act, before the renewal application will be determined.

Upon renewal the Minister may vary or add to the original grant conditions.

Important Notes to Consider

- (1) Mineral title applications for renewal must be lodged before the end of the term of the title otherwise the mineral title will expire.
- (2) An application for the renewal of a mineral title must be accompanied by the prescribed rent and administration fee for the first operational year after renewal.
- (3) Requirements under section 58 and 70A of the Act and regulation 44 'Necessary criteria for mineral title application' will be taken into account by the Minister when considering an application for the renewal of a mineral title.