

Exploration Licences

Reporting period Q3: 1 January to 31 March 2024

Mineral Titles Unit is responsible for progressing exploration licence (EL) applications towards grant. Most applications are subject to either the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA) or the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976* (Cth) (ALRA).

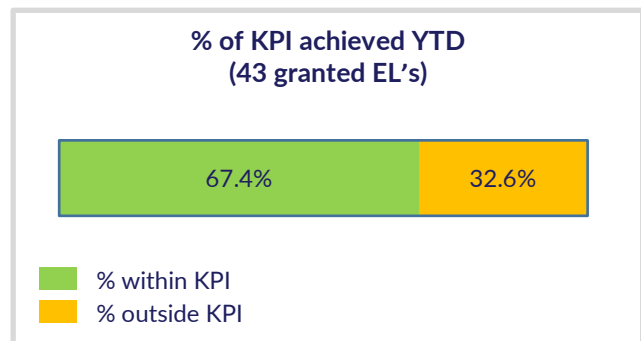
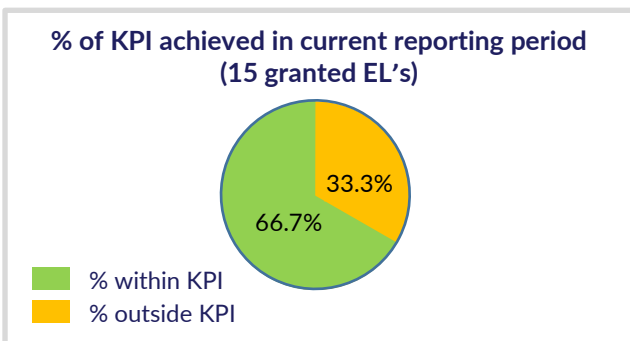
To increase transparency around decision timeframes, quarterly reports are made available showing timeframes to achieve a valid grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* (MTA), after satisfying the requirements of this Act and relevant Commonwealth legislation.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) relate to EL's granted on native title affected land only.

Key Performance Indicator Results

KPI: 85% of EL's granted on native title affected land within 9 months of application

Reported numbers are determined based on the grant date falling within the reporting period.



Comment:

- Ave time to grant the 15 exploration licences - 10.3 mths
- 10 ELs were granted within prescribed timeframes - Ave time to grant - 7.38 mths
- 4 ELs subject to NTA objections to the use of the expedited procedure - Ave time to grant - 17.72 mths
- 1 EL subject to an 'Application in conflict' assessment - Time to grant - 9.73 mths

Application grant process timeframes for reporting period

Timeframes include all statutory requirements under the MTA and either the NTA or ALRA and include weekends and public holidays.

A total of 16 ELs were granted during the reporting period:

- 15 were on Native Title affected land. Average time to grant was 10.3 months.
- 1 was on Aboriginal Freehold land. Time to grant was 159.9 months.

