

Summary of exploration and mining titles in the NT

	Exploration Licence	Exploration Licence in Retention	Mineral Lease	Mineral Lease for Small Scale Mining	Mineral Lease for Fossicking	Mineral Lease for Tourist Fossicking	Extractive Mineral Exploration Licence	Extractive Mineral Permit	Extractive Mineral Lease	Mineral Authority
Purpose	To explore for minerals	To carry out feasibility study or retain ore body not economically viable	To mine for minerals, and/or erect infrastructure	To explore and mine for minerals	To conduct commercial fossicking	To conduct commercial tours to undertake tourist fossicking	To explore for extractive minerals	To extract, remove, store or process extractive minerals	To mine for extractive minerals and/or erect infrastructure	To correspond with any mineral title
Maximum Area	250 blocks	Not to exceed the area of the granted Mineral Exploration Licence	No Limit	40 hectares	20 hectares	40 hectares	2 blocks	100 hectares	100 hectares	As per corresponding title type
Type of land	Any land	Any land held under applicants granted exploration licence	Any land. Special conditions apply to Aboriginal Land	Any land. Special conditions apply to Aboriginal Land	Any land. Special conditions apply to Aboriginal Land	Any land. Special conditions apply to Aboriginal Land	Any land	Any land	Any land	General Reserved Land
Maximum Term	6 years	5 Years	For a term the minister considers appropriate	10 Years	5 Years	5 Years	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	For a term the minister considers appropriate
Renewable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Security	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required
Obligations	To carry out approved exploration program	To be worked subject to licence conditions	To be worked subject to lease conditions	To be worked subject to lease conditions	To be worked subject to lease conditions	To be worked subject to lease conditions	To carry out activities subject to exploration for extractive minerals	To be worked subject to permit conditions	To be worked subject to lease conditions	As per grant conditions
Transferable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compensation payable to Landowners or occupiers	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required	May be required
Environmental Mining Licence required for substantial disturbance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special Provisions	Must relinquish 50% of licence area on renewal of EL	Must continue to evaluate the commercial viability of the area	Must be surveyed by a licensed surveyor if over 40 hectares Under 40 hectares must be marked out prior to grant	A person may only hold one MLSSM at any time	The Minister may limit the number of MLFs granted in relation to a particular area or to a particular person and any other person associated with the person	The Minister may limit the number of MLTFs granted in relation to a particular area or to a particular person and any other person associated with the person	Rent payable (in advance) for full period of grant	Must be marked out prior to grant	Survey depends on size and location of application. Refer to Part 3 <i>Mineral Titles Regulations</i>	As per corresponding title type