

Exploration Licences

Reporting period Q4: 1 April to 30 June 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).

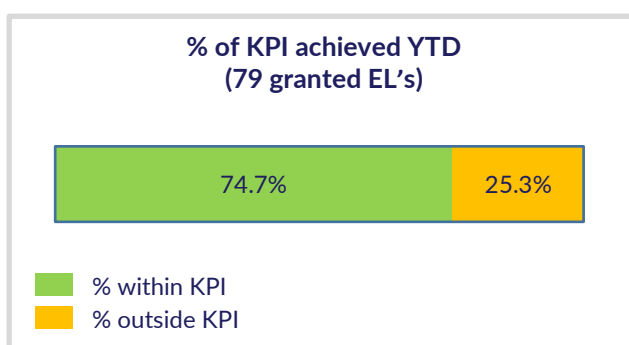
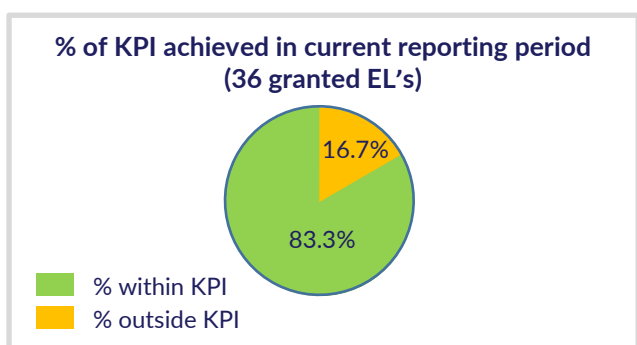
To increase transparency around decision timeframes, quarterly reports are made available showing timeframes to achieve a valid grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* (MTA), after satisfying the requirements of this Act and relevant Commonwealth legislation.

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 36 exploration licences - 10 months
- 30 ELs were granted within prescribed timeframes
- 2 ELs subject to an 'Application in conflict' assessment
- 4 ELs subject to Parks process, reduction and transfer to another party

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 36 ELs were granted during the reporting period:

- 36 were on Native Title affected land. Average time to grant was 10 months.
- 0 were on Aboriginal Freehold land.

