Guideline for Surrendering a Permit or Licence

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# Purpose

This guideline aims to ensure that the Northern Territory Government (NTG) continues to assist oil and gas explorers to carry out effective exploration and to ultimately develop petroleum resources for the benefit of the Territory economy, while still meeting legislative requirements and providing transparency and accountability.

The guideline applies to all exploration permit or licence holders or their representatives who wish to apply to surrender all or part of their permit or licence area.

By following the requirements in this guideline you will ensure that your application is processed in a timely way with minimal disruption to you.

# Application to Surrender

You can apply to surrender all or part of your exploration permit or licence area.

Any outstanding reports and data must be lodged with your application.

An application to surrender should include:

* a report detailing the actions you have taken, are taking or will take to restore and rehabilitate the land that will be surrendered and any land adjacent to the permit or licence area that has been affected by your operations
* a written undertaking that you will complete any outstanding restoration and rehabilitation within the agreed timeframe
* a statutory declaration that you have discharged all your obligations, financial and otherwise, to all your employees, agents and contractors in relation to the permit or licence.

You are required to plug and abandon all wells drilled in the exploration permit or licence area.

For your surrender application to be accepted you will need to demonstrate that you have complied with the:

* conditions of your permit or licence
* provisions of the *Petroleum Act*
* any directions given to you
* your commitment to undertake the agree restoration and rehabilitation described above.

# Related legislation

* [*Petroleum Act*](https://legislation.nt.gov.au/Legislation/PETROLEUM-ACT)
* [Petroleum Regulations](https://legislation.nt.gov.au/Legislation/PETROLEUM-REGULATIONS)

# Further information

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