

MT10: Rent, fees and charges

Purpose

To outline the proposed changes to rent, fees and charges under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* (the Act) and *Mineral Titles Regulations 2011* (the Regulations).

Proposed changes to rent, fees and charges

Annual rent

New mineral and extractive mineral leases

Annual rent is required to accommodate the new mineral and extractive mineral lease categories (see Fact Sheet – Mineral Leases). The proposed fees include:

| Mineral title | Proposed annual rent |
|---|------------------------------|
| Mineral lease for tourist fossicking | 54 revenue units per hectare |
| Mineral lease for fossicking | |
| Extractive mineral lease for tourist fossicking | |
| Extractive mineral lease for ancillary purposes | |

New rent structure for authorised holdings and mineral claims

| Mineral title | Proposed annual rent |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Authorised holdings | 18 revenue units per hectare |
| Mineral claim | |

Ancillary mineral lease

It is also proposed to apply a pro rata rent upon the grant of an ancillary mineral lease where appropriate.

Renewal rent

With the proposal to remove the reduction requirements for a mineral exploration licence (EL) in the initial grant period (see Fact Sheet – Exploration Activities), the current rent structure would need to be modified.

It is proposed to total the current six year rent revenue units for an EL, then divide by six to achieve a set amount per block per year for the entire initial grant period. This would result in a fee per block of 175 revenue units. The renewal rent would then consist of the following:

| Renewal period | Proposed renewal rent |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Initial renewal period up to a maximum of six years | 175 revenue units per block |
| Second renewal period up to a maximum of two years | 225 revenue units per block |
| Each subsequent renewal period | 275 revenue units per block |

Application fees

Applications

It is proposed to introduce an application fee schedule for the following applications:

| Application | Proposed application fees |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expenditure project area 2. Variation of an expenditure project area 3. Division of title area into separate parts 4. Amalgamation of mineral titles, where requested by the title holder 5. Bulk sample approval 6. Amalgamated Reporting (Expenditure and Annual Reports) 7. Variation to Amalgamated Reporting | A small application fee between 100 and 200 revenue units is currently being considered. |

New mineral leases

An application fee is required to accommodate the following new mineral lease categories. The proposed fees include:

| Mineral title | Proposed application fees |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mineral lease for tourist fossicking | 500 revenue units |
| Mineral lease for fossicking | 500 revenue units |
| Mineral lease for small scale mining | 750 revenue units |

Administration fees for new mineral titles and NCEIs

With the introduction of new mineral lease categories and proposed changes to the management of authorised holdings and mineral claims, it is proposed the following administration fees are introduced:

| Mineral title or NCEI | Proposed administration fees |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mineral lease for tourist fossicking | 200 revenue units |
| Mineral lease for fossicking | 200 revenue units |
| Mineral lease for small scale mining | 200 revenue units |
| Mineral claim | 50 revenue units |
| Authorised holdings | 50 revenue units |

Fossicking permit fees

A new fossicking permit is proposed to be introduced that would be available to individuals, family groups, clubs and commercial fossicking tour operators for a small annual fee. A financial penalty would be implemented for those conducting fossicking activities without a permit (see Fact Sheet – Fossicking).

A permit fee is required to accommodate the newly proposed fossicking permits. The proposed fees include:

| Fossicking permit | Proposed fossicking permit fees (per year) |
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| NT residents | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual permit Family permit | 30 revenue units 50 revenue units |
| Non-NT residents | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual permit Family permit | 50 revenue units 70 revenue units |
| Other fossicking permits | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club permit Commercial tour operator permit (excludes mineral leases for tourist fossicking) | 100 revenue units 250 revenue units |

A holder of a MLTF or any person attending a tour conducted on a granted MLTF would be excluded from obtaining a permit.

Fossicking permit replacement fee

It is also proposed that a replacement fee of 15 revenue units be charged in the event the fossicking permit is lost or damaged.