

Fees and Charges 2026–27

Information on Mining Tenements – *Mining Act 1978* Effective 1 July 2026

	Maximum Area	Terms (years)	Fees		Minimum Annual Expenditure
			Application	Rent	
Prospecting Licence	200ha	4 years renewable for 1 period of 4 years (for licences applied for after 10 February 2006)	\$478.00	\$4.40 per ha or part thereof minimum \$40.70 for 9 hectares or less	\$40.00 per ha minimum \$2,000
Special Prospecting Licence for Gold	10ha (maximum)	Minimum 3 months or further multiples of 3 months (4 year maximum)	\$478.00	\$4.40 per ha or part thereof minimum \$40.70 for 9 hectares or less	\$2,000
Exploration Licence (Non-Graticular)	200km ² minimum 10km ²	5 years Renewable for 2 periods of up to 2 years and further periods of 1 year	N/A	\$79.00 per km ² or part thereof for years 1–7 \$265.00 for subsequent years	\$300 per km ² minimum \$20,000 Extensions: Years 6–7 \$50,000 per year; thereafter \$100,000 per year
Exploration Licence (Graticular)	70 Blocks 200 Blocks (outside known mineralised areas)	5 years May extend for 2 periods of up to 2 years and further periods of 1 year for licences applied for prior to 10 February 2006 On or after this date term is 5 years, may extend for one period of 5 years and by a further period or periods of 2 years	1 block only \$503.00 More than 1 block \$1800.00	1 block licence applied for after 1/7/1999 \$493.00 All other licences per block Years 1–3 \$177.00 Years 4 and 5 \$318.00 Years 6 and 7 \$435.00 Years 8 on \$825.00	Years 1–3: \$1,000 per block, with minimum \$10,000 for 1 block minimum \$15,000 for 2–5 blocks minimum \$20,000 for 6–20 blocks Years 4–5: \$1,500 per block, with minimum \$10,000 for 1 block minimum \$20,000 for 2–5 blocks minimum \$30,000 for 6–20 blocks Years 6–7: \$2,000 per block, with minimum \$15,000 for 1 block minimum \$30,000 for 2–5 blocks minimum \$50,000 for 6–25 blocks Year 8 onwards: \$3,000 per block, with minimum \$20,000 for 1 block minimum \$50,000 for 2–5 blocks minimum \$70,000 for 6–23 blocks
Mining Lease	N/A	21 years renewable	\$703.00	\$30.10 per ha or part thereof	\$100 per ha minimum \$5,000 if 5ha or less otherwise \$10,000

Note: ha = hectare km² = square kilometre

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Mining Lease Minerals Dissolved in Brine	N/A	21 years renewable	\$703.00	Years 1–5 \$3.40 per ha or part thereof Years 6 on \$8.05 per ha or part thereof If lease is renewed \$8.05 per ha or part thereof	\$100 per ha minimum \$5,000 if 5ha or less otherwise \$10,000
General Purpose Lease	10ha (larger area with Minister's consent)	21 years renewable	\$703.00	\$27.70 per ha or part thereof	Covenant in lieu
Miscellaneous Licence	N/A	21 years renewable	\$703.00	\$27.70 per ha or part thereof	Covenant in lieu
Miscellaneous Licence (search for groundwater)	N/A	21 years renewable	\$703.00	\$1.15 per ha or part thereof	Covenant in lieu
Retention Licence	N/A	Up to 5 years renewable	\$1080.00	\$13.80 per ha or part thereof	As per approved exploration programme
Retention Status Application			\$399.00		
Registration of dealings					
Caveat (per caveat)					\$168.00
Copy document (per document)					\$146.00
Devolution (per devolution)					Nil
Discharge of mortgage					Nil
Injunction (per tenement)					Nil
Mortgage (per tenement)					\$156.00
Partial surrender (not section 65)					\$160.00
Power of attorney					Nil
Tax memorial					\$134.00
Transfer					
Mining tenement (per transfer)					\$159.00
Mortgage (per tenement)					Nil
Withdrawal of Memorial (per tenement, per dealing, memorial)					\$11.50

Other fees		
Search for mining tenement register		\$10.50
Dealing		\$13.50
Form 5		\$13.00
Other		\$13.50
Certification of a document		\$9.00
Exemption		
Prospecting Licence – one year (per tenement)		\$494.00
Exploration Licence – one year (per tenement)		\$591.00
Mining Lease – one year (per tenement)		\$459.00
Mining Lease – five year (per tenement)		\$2,300.00
Duplicate Instrument of lease (per lease)		Nil
Instrument of licence (per licence)		\$52.00
Miner's Right		\$30.00
Fee for notice of objection -		
(a) general		\$430.00
(b) eligible individual		\$100.00
(c) registered native title body corporate whose land is included or partly included in or shares a common boundary with land the subject of the mining tenement application		Nil
(d) proprietor of land included or partly included on or sharing a common boundary with land the subject of the mining tenement application		Nil
Permit under Section 40E		\$119.00
Permit to enter private land	(minimum \$41.00)	per lot \$10.50
Private land - application to bring under the Act		\$31.00
Restoration (per tenement)		Nil
Proceedings before Warden's Court/Warden		
Plaints (per tenement)/Application for forfeiture		\$579.00
Response and witness summons		\$62.00
All necessary applications and affidavits (includes Interlocutory Application)		\$8.50
Order by Warden including order for an injunction		\$28.00
Copy of evidence per page		\$11.00
Copy of judgements, decisions or order per page		\$2.00
Taxation of bill of costs (\$0.05 in each amount of \$1.00 on amount of lodged bill (min fee is \$12.00))		
If lodged bill exceeds \$1,000, the fee is reduced to \$0.025 in each \$1.00 for the excess, (plus \$50.00)		

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