

Form PAL1

Application for a petroleum assessment lease

Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991

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More information

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Division of Resources and Energy

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When to use this form

Complete this form if you are applying for a petroleum assessment lease in New South Wales.

Note that:

- if you currently hold a petroleum exploration licence you may apply for an assessment lease
- an assessment lease may be granted over all or any part of the land over which the lease is sought
- if you do not hold an exploration licence over the land concerned, an application for an assessment lease can only be made through a competitive selection process

This form and its associated templates are approved in accordance with the requirements of [Part 3](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* and [Part 2](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007*. The information requested in this form may not be specifically referenced in the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* or the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007* however its inclusion in the approved form validates the authority of the NSW Department of Industry, Division of Resources and Energy (the department) to request it.

Important notes

Accompanying documentation

Any information or template that is required to accompany this application should be lodged within **10 business days of the lodgement date**. Failure to supply the information within this timeframe may be considered as grounds for refusing the application according to [Schedule 1B Clause 5\(d\)](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*.

Agents

If this application is lodged by any party other than the applicant/s (ie. an agent), the department may seek confirmation of that authority and any limits of that authority given to that other party by the applicant ([Section 97F](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* and [Clause 20A](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007*). The agent will need to complete the declaration at the end of this form and supply evidence of their appointment, if not already supplied to the department.

Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements giving notice of the application must be published by the applicant either before or within **21 days after lodging** the application. The advertisements must

- (a) state that an application for an assessment lease has been or will be lodged (as the case requires), and
- (b) contain particulars sufficient to lead to the ready identification of the area of land over which the lease is sought, and consisting of a plan and a description of that area and a statement indicating the approximate direction and approximate distance of the town nearest to that area.

Proof of extinguishment

The Minister must not grant an assessment lease unless satisfied, that either native title has been extinguished over the entire application area or, that the right to negotiate process has been completed. If not available at the time you lodge your application, you must provide evidence regarding proof of extinguishment of native title prior to grant.

If this application is successful, you will receive a letter of notification that the department is proposing to grant you an assessment lease. You must, however, pay an [annual administrative levy and an annual rental fee](#) before your assessment lease can be granted.

You are also required to provide the department with a [security deposit](#) (minimum of \$10,000) before your assessment lease is granted.

A title fee is also payable on grant of a petroleum assessment lease

- If granted for a term of less than three years the fee is \$10,000
- If granted for a term of three years or more the fee is \$15,000

How to submit this form

- **By email:** Send the form including any attachments and proof of payment to titles.services@industry.nsw.gov.au
- **By mail:** Mail your form, any attachments and proof of payment to Division of Resources and Energy, Titles Services, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre NSW 2310. I
- **In person:** Submit your application in person at the Division of Resources and Energy's Titles Services office, 516 High Street, Maitland, New South Wales. Office hours are 9.30am to 4.30pm.

How this application will be processed

Once your application has been registered and checked, it will be assessed by the department. The Minister for Resources and Energy (or their delegate) will consider the department's recommendation and all relevant information, and may propose to grant or refuse the application.

1. Term for which lease is sought

Years sought

Note: maximum term is six (6) years.

2. Applicant/s details

Provide the full name of applicant/s and if applicable, the ACN or ARBN (for foreign companies).

Name	<input type="text"/>
ACN / ARBN	<input type="text"/>
Registered street address	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above <input type="checkbox"/> Enter here if different

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Additional applicants

Provide the full name, ACN or ARBN (for foreign companies), registered street address and postal address details of additional applicants.

3. Contact for this application

Any correspondence relating to this application will be sent to this person.

Contact name	<input type="text"/>
Position held	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="text"/>
Phone (inc. area code)	<input type="text"/>
Mobile	<input type="text"/>

Email

Your preferred contact method

- Email** (For companies – provide a generic company email address which is regularly monitored rather than an individual employee’s email address.)
- Mail**

4. Technical advice

Nominate a technical manager who will be responsible for supervising prospecting operations and geoscientific reporting. The person is expected to be a geoscientist or mining engineer with relevant experience or have other relevant qualification or experience in exploration.

Provide the person’s contact details and confirmation of their acceptance of the role. Note that this does not make the person liable for any other matters relating to this application.

You can attach the contact details and acceptance as a letter or enter the information below.

- I have attached documentation with the exploration technical manager details and acceptance of the role.

OR

- I have entered the exploration technical manager details and authorisation below.

Contact details

Name	<input type="text"/>
Position	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

Professional associations: Provide the name and member number of any relevant national or international professional associations to which the technical manager belongs (e.g. APPEA, AIP, PESA), or list relevant qualifications and experience.

Signature: Provide the signature of the nominated exploration technical manager to support their acceptance of the role.

5. Statement of financial capability

Complete and attach a [Statement of financial capability](#) template and check the box below to indicate you have attached it to this application.

Yes, I have attached a Statement of financial capability.

6. Statement of corporate compliance and environmental performance history

Complete and attach the [Statement of corporate compliance and environmental performance history](#) template and check the box below to indicate you have attached it to this application.

Yes, I have attached a Statement of corporate compliance and environmental performance history.

7. Proposed prospecting title work program

Provide a proposed work program using the [Petroleum Prospecting Title Work Program Form](#).

You can submit the work program in one of two formats:

- **A fixed agenda** describing, in detail, the nature and extent of operations to be conducted during the whole of the authority's term

OR

- **A two-part format** consisting of: **a.** a fixed agenda describing, in detail, the nature and extent of operations to be conducted during an initial period (at least the first two years) of the term of the lease, and **b.** a summary of intended operations during the remainder of the term. Work program requirements are stipulated in [Part 2](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007* and further in the [Exploration Guideline: Work Programs for Prospecting Titles](#).

Indicate the format of your proposed work program below.

I have attached a work program in the fixed agenda format.

I have attached a work program in the two-part format.

8. Proof of extinguishment of native title

The Minister must not grant an assessment lease unless satisfied that, either native title has been extinguished over the entire application area or, that the 'Right to Negotiate' process has been completed. You should provide proof that native title has been extinguished. If native title has **not** been extinguished, you will need to undertake the 'Right to Negotiate' process before a lease can be granted.

Read our guideline [Native title and the administration of exploration and mining legislation in New South Wales](#) for more information.

- I have attached proof that native title has been extinguished.
- I will provide proof that native title has been extinguished prior to grant.
- I wish to commence the 'Right to Negotiate' process and this will be completed before the grant of the assessment lease.

9. Details of any existing titles

Provide the number of any existing title/s held by the applicant over this application area.

List titles number/s (e.g. PEL 123 (1991))

10. Proposed lease area

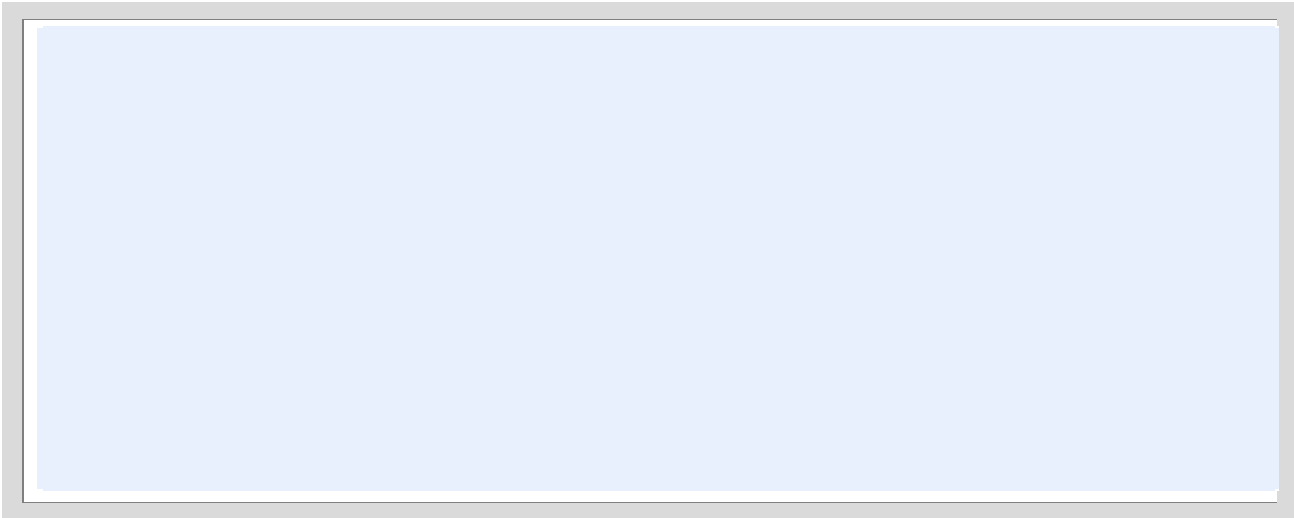
Identify the name of the 1:1,000,000 map sheet (e.g. Sydney) and block number references. You may apply for up to a maximum of four blocks. See Section 34 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*.

Name of map sheet	Block number

1.1 Map or plan of lease area

Provide a map or plan in accordance with [Clause 4](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007*.

- I have attached a map or plan.
- I have inserted my map or plan below.



1.2 Depth of surface exception in metres

Indicate the area of surface and soil below the surface **not** applied for.

- Whole area metres
- Part (must be shown on the map)
- Various parts (must be shown on the map)
- Nil

1.3 Depth restriction sought

Indicate the depth to which you require the lease to extend.

- Whole area metres
- Part (must be shown on the map)
- Various parts (must be shown on the map)
- Nil

11. Rehabilitation cost estimate

All title holders must provide an estimate of rehabilitation costs. This estimate will be considered by the department when determining the [security deposit](#) amount.

Before answering this question, read the [Rehabilitation cost estimate guidelines](#) and note the following:

1.4 What is the total rehabilitation cost estimate?

The estimate should cover the rehabilitation for **all** prospecting operations.

The department is responsible for ensuring that the people of NSW do not incur a financial liability as a result of petroleum exploration and production activities. All title holders engaged in these activities are, therefore, required to lodge a security deposit.

The security deposit must cover the Government's full costs for rehabilitation in the event of default by the title holder.

The rehabilitation cost estimate is an estimate of all rehabilitation liabilities which currently exist on the title area, including approved prospecting operations and those prospecting operations defined as exempt development.

It is noted that some existing prospecting operations will be transferred from the PEL to the PAL, should the PAL be granted. These need to be accounted for in the rehabilitation cost estimate.

Total rehabilitation cost estimate

\$

**1.4.1 What method have you used to calculate the rehabilitation cost estimate?
Attach your cost calculation to this application.**

- Department's [rehabilitation cost calculation tool](#).
- Other – use the field below to describe the tool or cost guide you have used.

1.5 What period is covered by the estimate?

Current disturbance at date of application

12. Statement of undertaking to comply with the Act

Provide evidence of the applicant/s ability comply with the [provisions](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* and the regulations relating to a petroleum assessment lease.

- I have attached evidence of the applicant/s ability to comply with the Act.

13. Assessment of petroleum resources/reserves within the land

Provide particulars of resources/reserves of petroleum within the area, its status (at least 1C, 2C or 2C Resources), estimate of oil/gas in place and recoverable and the methods used in obtaining such information. The estimation of reserves and resources must be completed in accordance with the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Petroleum Resource Management System ([PRMS](#)).

- I have attached an assessment of the petroleum resources/reserves.

14. Fee payment

Provide payment, proof of payment or details that allow the payment to be made. Refer to [Schedule 1](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007* for a list of legislated fees.

Fees and fee calculation

- The application fee amount is \$50,000

Select your payment method

<input type="checkbox"/>	Direct deposit Account name: NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development BSB: 032001 Account number: 169146 Reference: PALA [your company name or last name] (eg: PALA Johnson) If you are paying by direct deposit, attach a copy of the receipt issued by your banking authority as evidence that you have paid.										
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15. Checklist of items to be included with this application

Item	Reference	
Technical advice support documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 4
Statement of financial capability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 5
Statement of corporate compliance and environmental performance history	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 6
Petroleum prospecting title work program	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 7
Proof of extinguishment of native title (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 8
A map or plan of the proposed lease area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 10
Rehabilitation cost estimate (attach calculations to evidence how the rehabilitation cost estimate is derived)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 11
Statement of undertaking to comply with the Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 12
Assessment of the resources/reserves	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 13
For payments made by direct deposit – proof of payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 14
For agents only – evidence of appointment as agent, if this has not been previously supplied to the division	<input type="checkbox"/>	Question 16

1.6 Have you lodged all the required information with this form?

- Yes**
- No.** I will provide outstanding information within 10 business days of lodging this application.

16. Declaration

This form should be signed by the applicant/s (in the case of a company a duly authorised officer) or an agent authorised to act on the applicant's behalf.

I/We declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I/We understand that under [Part 5A](#) of the *Crimes Act 1900*, knowingly giving false or misleading information is a serious offence; and under [Section 125D](#) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*, any person who provides information that the person knows to be false or misleading is guilty of an offence, for which they may be subject to prosecution.

Applicant/s

Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

OR

Agent authorised to act for this applicant/s

Provide evidence of appointment if this has not been previously supplied to the department.

Name	
Position/title	
Date	
Signature	

Office use only

Application received:

Time: Date:

Application fee amount: \$50,000

\$ WBS: FINM46-2 GL: Z4010

Received under delegation from the Secretary

Name

Signature

For credit cards

Following confirmation of payment, remove the first eight (8) digits of the credit card number from this form. Ensure that any saved copy does not include full credit card details.

Document control

Authorised by: Group Director, Operations and Programs

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Amendment schedule

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31 March 2016	2.0	Legislation update, new template