



*PETROLEUM (ONSHORE) ACT 1991*

## **Petroleum special prospecting authority application**

FORM PSPA1

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NSW Trade & Investment consents to the receipt of applications electronically, including the use of electronic signatures, in accordance with the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000*.

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- Using the Adobe digital signature functionality. For further information on this option refer to: <http://www.adobe.com/security/digsig.html>
- Printing the form and signing

Form can be submitted by:

- Email: saved PDF applications can be submitted to [elapplications@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elapplications@industry.nsw.gov.au)
- Mail: Titles Branch, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre NSW 2310
- In Person at the Mineral Resources Branch: 516 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320
- Fax: (02) 4931 6776

For further information on lodgement please refer to the Department's website:  
[www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles)



This form is to be completed by individuals and companies applying for a petroleum special prospecting authority.

It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 3 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* and Part 2 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007*.

This application form must not be altered in any way. It can be either completed electronically using Adobe Reader (which can be downloaded free of charge from [www.adobe.com.au](http://www.adobe.com.au)) or printed.

From 1 July 2012, all titles are subject to an Administration Levy and Annual Rental Fee to improve regulation and continuing provision of pre-competitive geoscience information. New requirements have also been introduced in relation to minimum security deposits. For further information on these fees and minimum security deposits please refer to: [www.resources.nsw.gov.au/info/fees](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/info/fees)

The Department's website provides comprehensive information relating to completion of applications, methods of lodgement, departmental policies, office locations, Native Title and contact details at:

[www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles)

**Please Note:** Following lodgement of an application, applicants are required to publish a newspaper advertisement giving notice of the application. A petroleum special prospecting authority will not be granted until satisfactory copies of advertisements are lodged with the Department. Refer to the advertising guidelines at:

[www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles).

1. Name of applicant/s in full and ACN/s (if applicable):

If the applicant/s is a foreign entity, by completing this form it is assumed they are authorised to operate and carry out business in New South Wales.

Name:	
ACN (if applicable):	

Name:	
ACN (if applicable):	

Name:	
ACN (if applicable):	

If there are more than three applicants please provide information on additional applicants on a separate sheet accompanying this application. Please include name and ACN (if applicable) of each applicant. To indicate that there are additional applicants please check the box below:

2. Have you (in the case of a company: any director of the company) ever contravened the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*, or the regulations, or been convicted of any other offence relating to petroleum exploration or production?

Where the answer is 'yes', you must give full details of the offence. If you have been convicted of an offence under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*, this will be taken into consideration in making any recommendations regarding the grant of a petroleum special prospecting authority.

Yes

No

If yes, provide details:

If further space is required please attach an additional sheet to the back of this application.

### 3. Registered street address of each applicant:

The registered street address of an applicant is required for inclusion in the title document and should not be a post office box. The registered street and postal address will be retained in the Titles database for future correspondence following the grant of the petroleum special prospecting authority.

Name:	
Registered Street Address:	
Postal Address (if different):	

Other applicants:

Name:	
Registered Street Address:	
Postal Address (if different):	

Name:	
Registered Street Address:	
Postal Address (if different):	

#### 4. Contact details for this application:

Specify the name and contact details of the person to whom any notices or documents are to be served in regard to this application only. These details will not be stored in the Titles database. All further correspondence following the grant of this title will be to the registered office or postal address of the holder of the petroleum special prospecting authority .

Contact Name:	
Position Held:	
Postal Address:	
Phone (inc. area code):	
Fax:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

- Check this box if email is your preferred method of contact for this application  
Note: must be an official company email address

#### 5. Are you applying for a low-impact special prospecting authority?

The *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* provides for two types of petroleum special prospecting authorities. A standard authority and a special class of authority called a low-impact petroleum special prospecting authority. A low-impact petroleum special prospecting authority is excluded from the "Right to Negotiate" provisions of the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993* but only authorises a limited range of prospecting operations. A low-impact special prospecting authority is also subject to a wait period of four months following notice of the application to the representative bodies referred to in Section 45D(1)c of the Act. For further information regarding Native Title matters refer to the Department's website.

- Yes  No

If you answered NO above, please indicate which other option you prefer:

Option 1 - Minister's consent. This licence allows you to prospect on any non-Native Title land. However, should you wish to prospect on any land that is claimable under the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993*, you will require Minister's consent. In order to obtain Minister's consent, you will be required to follow the 'Right to Negotiate' provisions of that Act.

Option 2 - 'Right to Negotiate'. This option allows you to follow the 'Right to Negotiate' provisions of the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993* prior to the grant of a petroleum special prospecting authority.

- Option 1 (Minister's consent)  Option 2 ('Right to Negotiate')

#### 6. Period for which special prospecting authority is sought:

A special prospecting authority may be granted for a maximum of 12 months.

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## 7. Payment of prescribed fee:

The prescribed fee may be paid either by cheque, credit card or direct deposit. The Department accepts Mastercard/ Visa/Amex/Diners cards. Contact Titles staff at one of the Department's offices if you wish to deposit funds directly to the Department's account. Direct deposits will require a copy of the deposit receipt issued by the banking authority as evidence to accompany the application form.

See Schedule 1 of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007* which can be accessed online at: [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)

### Select Payment Method:

- Direct Deposit
- Cheque (*payable to NSW Trade & Investment*)
- Credit Card (see below)

Payment Amount:	
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Type of Card :	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Amex	<input type="checkbox"/> Diners
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Cardholders Name:	
Card Number:	
Expiry Date (mth/yr):	

## 8. Checklist of items to be included with this application:

(a) The application fee prescribed by the <i>Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) A map or plan, drawn in accordance with the regulations, on which there is delineated the boundaries of the area to which the title is intended to apply. An application for a petroleum title must be accompanied by a map or plan (section 13) drawn in accordance with Clause 4 of the <i>Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007</i> . Clause 4 states:  (1) A map or plan accompanying an application for a petroleum exploration licence must be drawn on or overlay the Department of Mineral Resources New South Wales Block Identification Map Series 1 (1:1 500 000) showing blocks. (2) A map or plan accompanying an application for any other petroleum title, or otherwise prepared for the purposes of the Act, must be drawn on or overlay: (a) the Identification Map referred to in subclause (1) if the area to which the proposed title relates is larger than one block, or (b) the Department of Mineral Resources New South Wales Block Identification Map Series 3 (1:100 000) showing units, or (c) a standard topographical map or maps at a scale of 1:100 000, 1:50 000 or 1:25 000 or at such larger scale as the Minister may determine for that application, showing the co-ordinates (by reference to Map Grid of Australia co-ordinates) of all points where there is a change in direction of the boundaries of the land concerned. (3) In this clause, <b>Map Grid of Australia</b> means a rectangular co-ordinate system using a Transverse Mercator projection with zones 6 degrees wide and based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia (within the meaning of the <i>Surveying and Spatial Information Act 2002</i> ). The name of the 1:1,000,000 map sheet and block number must also be included. Note: An application for a petroleum title must relate to only one area (section 10). A petroleum special prospecting authority may be granted over an area considered feasible by the Minister, having regard to the surveys and other operations proposed (section 39).	<input type="checkbox"/>

(c) A proposed work program complying with the regulations and indicating the nature and extent of operations to be carried on under the authority of the title.



Clause 5(5) of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007* states that a work program for a special prospecting authority must be a fixed agenda describing in detail the nature and extent of evaluation to be carried on under the authority during the whole of its term,

In accordance with Clause 7 of the Regulation, a fixed agenda must include details of:

- (a) the objectives of any proposed exploration, and
- (b) the methods of exploration proposed to be employed, and
- (c) the expenditure, estimated on a yearly basis, required by the relevant work program.

The proposed prospecting program of work must contain sufficient detail to satisfy the Department that the full area applied for will be effectively surveyed for the duration of the period sought. It should include a summary outlining area selection rationale, objectives and activities. The following headings and descriptions should be used:

**Rationale** - to contain a brief (1-2 paragraph) description of area selection rationale, including significant aspects of regional geology, structures and petroleum systems. Applications for greater than 140 blocks will only be considered if they contain strong justification. The program for these must clearly demonstrate how the full area applied for will be effectively explored and must include explanatory A4 maps clearly showing proposed work areas.

**Objectives** - to include a brief description of anticipated outcomes or advances made to the project on conclusion of the program.

**Exploration activities** - description of proposed studies. Should show conformity with stated rationale and objectives and be clearly scheduled over the one year period.

A comprehensive report detailing the results of the studies and evaluation undertaken must also be submitted at the end of the authority period.

(d) Evidence of the financial standing of the applicant.



Evidence of financial standing must be provided in the form of:

- a) a certificate issued by a member of CPA Australia or the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (including membership number): or
- b) a statutory declaration

Stating that the applicant has sufficient financial resources at the time of lodgement to meet the financial commitments on all the applicant's titles and title applications.

(e) Evidence of the technical qualifications of the applicant and of the applicant's technical advisers



List details of persons or organisations providing technical advice. The name and contact details of the person who will be responsible for the supervision of prospecting operations and preparation of exploration reports (technical manager) must be provided. The qualifications and experience of the technical manager must be supplied. If this person is not an employee of the applicant, written acceptance of the role of technical manager must accompany this application. **It is expected that the technical manager will be a qualified geoscientist with petroleum exploration experience.**

(f) Evidence of the ability of the applicant to comply with the provisions of the Act and the regulations relating to a petroleum special prospecting authority



A statement of undertaking will be acceptable.

## 9. Certification

This form should be signed by the applicant/s (individuals) or an authorised representative of the applicant/s company/s, or the agent who is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant/s.

I/We certify the information contained in this application and attached supporting documentation is prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* and the *Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2007*. Note: Penalties apply for provision of false or misleading information.

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Name:	
Position / Title:	

Signature:	
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Other applicants:

Name:	
Position / Title:	

Signature:	
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Name:	
Position / Title:	

Signature:	
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Or agent authorised to act for this applicant/s:

Name:	
Position / Title:	

Signature:	
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Applications must be lodged with the Director General.

For information on methods of lodgement refer to the front page of this form or [www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/titles)



## OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received:

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Fee:		Amount:	\$1,000
Receipt No:		WBS:	D152-18
		GL:	Z4010

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Received under delegation from the  
Director General.

**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.*

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### PRIVACY STATEMENT

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