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Licence of Occupation Registry

Ontario is launching a new online registry for information on licences of occupation issued under the *Mining Act*.

Licences of occupation are a form of mining tenure. The authority to issue licences of occupation still exists under the *Mining Act*, but they are considered legacy forms of tenure and are generally no longer issued. There are two kinds of licences of occupation. Mining licences of occupation (MLOs) allow for the extraction of minerals under water and exploratory licences of occupation (ELOs) allow for exploration under water, but not extraction. Both MLOs and ELOs were commonly issued in circumstances where lands were partially or wholly covered by water.

A new online registry for MLOs and ELOs has been created as a result of recent amendments to the *Mining Act* and O. Reg 45/11. The registry includes information about each licence holder, maps, transfers, assessment work, exploration plans and permits, agreements or other documents relating to the licence. The registry makes it easy for anyone looking for records or information about licences of occupation.

The licence of occupation registry is accessible in the Mining Lands Administration System (MLAS) through the Search menu. Select Search Public Abstracts to view abstract details and recorded documents.

Submit application to renew a mining lease

Mining leases are renewable for further terms of 10 years or 21 years if the application is made on time and all conditions for renewal are met.

Applications for the renewal of leases are now only accepted through the Mining Lands Administration System (MLAS).

Mining Lands Administration System (MLAS)



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Lessees or submitting agents will be able to monitor the status of the application as it moves through the approval process. Once approved, a registered copy of the renewal lease is provided by email to the lessee.

Lessees that are registered users in MLAS will receive a reminder email notifying them of the expiry of a lease on the 90th day before the expiry date of the lease.

Refer to the ministry's [Directive 7 – Disposition Management](#) for step-by-step instructions for completing this application in MLAS.

Other resources

[Mining Act \(Ontario\)](#)

[NDMNRF Policies](#)

[NDMNRF Directives](#)

[NDMNRF Information Bulletins and Fact Sheets](#)

[Ontario ONE-key login to access MLAS](#)

More information

If you have questions about the licence of occupation registry or mining lease renewals, please call the Mining Lands Section at 1-888-415-9845 or email us at mlas.ltau@ontario.ca