



Options for Keeping Claims in Good Standing

As Ontario continues to make progress in its [Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario](#), the ministry is no longer offering the streamlined process for requesting COVID-19-related exclusions for claims due after October 31, 2021.

Claimholders **with claims due on or after November 1, 2021** are reminded that prescribed units of assessment work credits must be applied to a mining claim on or before the claim's due date to satisfy the required units of assessment work and prevent the claim from forfeiting:

Submitting a report of assessment work and an associated pending distribution to apply assessment work credit to the claim(s):

- Refer to the ministry's [Directive 5.1 Submit Report of Work](#) and [Directive 5.4 Submit Pending Distribution](#) for step-by-step instructions for completing these transactions in the Mining Lands Administration System (MLAS)

Distributing assessment work credits in the reserve for mining lands or mining claims to the mining claim or contiguous mining claims:

- Refer to the ministry's [Directive 5.7 Distribute Approved Credits](#) for step-by-step instructions for completing this transaction in MLAS
- Refer to the ministry's [Distribute Approved Credits video tutorial](#)

Making a payment in place of assessment work:

- Refer to the ministry's [Directive 5.6 Payment in Place for New Claims](#) and [Directive 5.9 for Converted Claims](#) for step-by-step instructions for completing these transactions in MLAS

Claimholders may, where eligible, take more than one of the above-noted actions to satisfy assessment work requirements for a claim.

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Claimholders should access the above resources for more information and, if required, email the Land Tenure and Assessment Unit for further assistance at MLAS.LTAU@ontario.ca.

Claimholders who are unable to satisfy assessment work requirements for their claims may apply to the ministry for a discretionary order for extension of time or exclusion of time. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Refer to the ministry's [Extension of Time Policy](#) for more information about extension of time orders and how to apply. Download the [application form](#) from Ontario's central forms repository

Refer to the ministry's [Exclusion of Time Policy](#) for more information about exclusion of time orders and how to apply.

- Claimholders may submit requests for Recorder's orders for an exclusion of time through MLAS if they have an early exploration permit application that is on temporary hold. Refer to the ministry's [Claim Management Directive](#) for step-by-step instructions for completing this transaction in MLAS
- Claimholders may submit all other exclusion of time requests by emailing a written request to the Provincial Recording Office at pro.ndm@ontario.ca

More information about extension and exclusion of time orders can be found in the [February 2021 bulletin](#).

In certain circumstances, claimholders who do not satisfy assessment work requirements may apply to the ministry for a discretionary order for relief from forfeiture:

- Claimholders must be aware that the minister will only consider a request for relief from forfeiture if the claimholder can demonstrate that all mandatory conditions and requirements set out in the ministry's [Relief from Forfeiture Policy](#) have been met

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- The minister will not grant a relief from forfeiture for claims that forfeited due to unsatisfactory claim management
- Requests for relief from forfeiture will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Submission of the request and payment of the non-refundable application fee does not guarantee that relief from forfeiture will be granted.

Claimholders should access the above resources for more information and, if required, email the Technical Services Unit for assistance at pro.ndm@ontario.ca.

Links to other resources

[Ontario Mining Act](#)

[MNDMNRF Policies](#)

[MNDMNRF Directives](#)

[MNDMNRF Information Bulletins and Fact Sheets](#)

[Ontario ONE-key login to access the Mining Lands Administration System \(MLAS\)](#)

More information

If you have any questions about MLAS, please call the Mining Lands Section at 1-888-415-9845 or email us at pro.ndm@ontario.ca.