

Comparison of selected features of Mineral Tenure systems in Canada for Exploration and Development.

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Enacted (Last amended)	1924 (1977)	1977 (1999)	1988 (2004)	1993 (2005)	1986 (1995)	1992 (2005)	1991 (1996)	2000 (Dec. 18, 2003)	1986 (1994)	1990 (1994)	1978 (1988)	1977 (2004)
Ground/Map Staking	ground	ground	online map selection	map	a) ground in north b) map in surveyed areas	a) ground in north b) map in surveyed areas	ground	a) staking park b) rest of the Province	ground	map	map	online
Title Type	mineral claim	claim	mineral claim comprised of adjoining cells according to map grid	metallic and industrial mineral permit	claim	claim	mining claim	claim	mineral claim	claim, exploration licence for 1 to 80 claims	claim, exploration licence for 1 to 80 claims	mineral claim, licence for max. 256 claims
Method of Staking	2 post, line between marked	posts at all 4 corners & at 1500 ft. intervals on external boundary, boundary marked	map selection	map selection	a) posts at all 4 corners & at 500 m on external boundary, boundary marked b) map selection, legal land description	a) posts at all 4 corners & at 400 m on external boundary, boundary marked b) map selection	claim posts at all 4 corners & line post at 400 m on external boundary, boundary marked, clockwise direction & one staker only if open less than 24 hrs, any direction & helpers if open more than 24 hrs.	a) posts at all 4 corners, boundary marked b) map designation	posts at all 4 corners in clockwise order, boundary marked	map selection	map selection	map selection
Size	Length 1500 ft. (max.) Width 1500 ft. (max.) 51.65 ac. (20.90 ha)	max 2582.5 acres (= 50 at 1500 ft) sides are multiples of 1500 ft, length not greater than 5 times the width	cells vary from 16.1 (north) to 20.16 (south); new claims 1-25 adjoining cell max, no size limit to amalgamation of cell claims	16 to 9216 hectares	16 to 6000 hectares, length not greater than 6 times the width	16 to 256 ha length not greater than 4 times the width	1-16 units (16-256 ha), length not greater than 4 times the width, length not greater than 3200 m surveyed. Area: part of a subdivided lot or combinations thereof, to 256 ha maximum	a) 16 ha (400m) only in unsurveyed area b) variable	400 m (16 ha)	16.19 ha	22.2 ha	500 m x 500 m (25 ha)
Bearing of Boundaries	any	astronomic N-S E-W	according to map on grid	astronomic N-S E-W	any	any	astronomic N-S E-W in unsurveyed area, conform to survey framework in surveyed areas	astronomic in unsurveyed area	magnetic N-S E-W	astronomic N-S E-W	astronomic N-S E-W	UTM grid (NAD 27)
Time Marked on No. 1 Post (ground staking)	date only	placing of post and completion (date, hour and minute)	N/A	N/A	completion	completion	a) completion time under 24 hours b) over 24 hours any corner post	commencement	commencement and completion	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum Time to Affix Tags	as soon as reasonably possible after recording	60 days	N/A	N/A	1 year from recording	at staking if pre-purchased, 1 yr. If purchased at recording	6 months from recording	when staking (write on tags)	when staking (write on tags)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum Days to Record	15 plus extra, depends on distance	60	acquisition immediate upon online registration & payment	N/A	a) 20	a) 30	31	20 days	21	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recording Fee	\$10 per claim	\$0.10 per acre	\$0.40 per ha	\$625 per permit	\$0.30 per ha (minimum \$100)	a) \$14 per claim b) \$60 per claim (non refundable)	1 unit (16 ha) \$20.40 2 to 6 units \$40.80 7 to 16 units \$61.20	Staking in Park Area Cost 16 < 25ha \$25.00 Area South of 52 Area Cost 16<25 ha \$25.00 25ha to 100 ha \$50.00 Over 100 ha \$75.00 Area North of 52 Area Cost <25 ha \$25.00 25ha to 45 ha \$92.00 Over 45 to 50 ha \$102.00 Over 50 ha \$115.00	\$5.00 per claim	\$5.00 per claim	\$5.00 per claim \$50.00 per claim (Security Deposit)	
Term Length X Number	1 yr. X unlimited	2 years, plus 1 year X 8	1 year X unlimited	14 years X 1	2 years, plus 1 yr X unlimited	2 years, plus 1 yr X unlimited	1 year X unlimited	2 years X unlimited	1 year X unlimited	1 year X unlimited	1 year X 5	5 years X 4
Renewal Fee/yr. (*Filing Work)	\$5 per claim*	\$0.10 per acre*	\$0.40 per ha	none	0	\$12 per claim	None	Same as recording. Double the fees if presented during the 60th day preceding its expiry date.	yrs. 1-5 \$4 yrs. 6-10 \$20 yrs. 11-15 \$25 yrs. 16+ \$30	yrs. 2-10 \$10 yrs. 11-15 \$20 yrs. 16-25 \$80 yrs. 26+ \$160	\$5 per claim	0
Annual Work (Assessment Work) \$/Claim unless otherwise specified	\$100	yrs. (1&2) \$4 per acre 3yrs+ \$2 per acre	yrs 1-3 \$4 per ha yrs. 4+ \$8 per ha	1 - 2 yrs.= \$5 per ha 3 - 4 yrs. =\$10 per ha 5 - 6 yrs. =\$10 per ha 7 - 8 yrs. =\$15 per ha 9 - 10 yrs. =\$15 per ha 11 - 12 yrs. =\$15 per ha 13 -14 yrs.= \$15 per ha	yrs. 2 to 10 \$12 per ha yrs 11+ \$25 per ha	yrs. 2 to 10 \$12.50 per ha yrs. 11+ \$25 per ha	\$400 per year except 1st year free	\$ per 2-year term (South of 52) tms <25ha 25-100 >100 1-3 \$500 \$1200 \$1800 4-6 \$750 \$1800 \$2700 7+ \$1000 \$2500 \$3600	yr.1 \$100 yrs. 5-10 \$300 yr.2 \$150 yrs.11-15 \$500 yr.3 \$200 yrs.16-25 \$600 yr.4 \$250 yrs. 25+ \$800	yr. 1-10 \$200 yr. 11-15 \$400 yr. 16+ \$800	\$5 per acre	yr. 1 \$200 yr.5 \$400 yr. 2 \$250 yr. 6-10 \$600 yr. 3 \$300 yr.11-15 \$900 yr. 4 \$350 yr.16-20 \$1200
Cash for Work - Refund if Work Done	yes-no	yes-yes	yes-no	no	yes-yes	yes-yes	no	yes, before the renewal date	year 1 \$20 - no	once per 5 year period - yes	yes-yes	yes-yes
Limit for Grouping Work	16 claims per year	5165 acres per year (100 units at 1500 ft)	unlimited	1 claim per term	10,000 ha per year	Once per calendar year. 3,200 ha if all claims. 1,600 ha if lease included in group	\$24,000 per 16 ha unit up to a maximum of \$96,000 per claim in any assessment year	within a 4.5 km radius circle	unlimited	an exploration licence (80 claims)	an exploration licence (80 claims)	256 contiguous claims
Limit of Excess Work	\$400 per claim per year	unlimited	10 years beyond current anniversary year	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited	10 years	unlimited	unlimited	9 years
Time After Anniversary to File Work Reports	14 days	30 days + 60 day notice period for required work and 1 year + 30 days for excess work	technical work 90 days, physical 30 days, after online registration of work	60 days after end of 2-year period	90 days	60 days	by anniversary	60 days before anniversary; by anniversary with a 100.00\$ supplement per report	30 days	by anniversary	15 days	60 days
Confidential Period for Work Reports	5 years or 6 months after claim lapse	upon lapse or 3 years	1 year (technical only)	1 year	3 years, less by consent or lapse	3 years, less by consent or lapse	none	none	2 years, less by consent or lapse	2 years, possible extension of 1 year	2 years, plus 1 year on request	upon lapse or 3 years from date of receipt
Bulk Sampling Permitted - Conditions	yes	yes	permit, reclamation program, 1 sample per 5 years, not more than 10000 t	approval required	yes	yes	permission to sample, treat and sell products	authorization for more than 50 t	permission and possible reclamation program	permit for less than 100 t, authorization for more than 100 t	yes	yes
Production Permitted	yes	not more than \$100,000 per year	not more than 1000 t per year from each unit (legacy claim) or cell (online)	no	no	with consent	no	no	no	no	no	no
Other Exploration Rights	N/A	permit to prospect		none	permit	Mineral Exploration Licence	Exploratory Licence of Occupation (Ministerial discretion) Order in Council		agreement	special licence	agreements	None
Prospector's Licence	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	ID card, registration	no	no