

What changes were made?

Three major changes were introduced that will affect license holders.

The maximum term of a mineral license was increased from 30 years to unlimited. In support of this change, the **Mineral Regulations** were amended to set annual expenditure requirements of \$3,000 per claim after year 30. All other requirements to maintain a mineral license were not changed.

The **Mineral Act** was amended to allow for the reinstatement of mineral licenses in certain circumstances.

The **Mineral Regulations** were amended to increase the daily rate that license holders can claim for their time. The rate was increased from \$100 to \$200 per eight hour day.

The amendments also fixed minor typos and introduced gender neutral language.

When do these changes come into effect?

The changes to the Mineral Act and the Mineral Regulations came into effect on November 16, 2023 and November 24, 2023 respectively.

Mineral licences that reach the end of the 30 year term after November 24, 2023, can be extended for unlimited one-year terms provided the expenditures requirements are met.

Mineral licences that were cancelled or expired after November 16, 2023 are eligible for application for reinstatement.

Assessment reports that are submitted after November 24, 2023 are eligible to claim the \$200 daily rate amount.

How do I get a license reinstated?

Application for reinstatement of cancelled and expired licenses must be submitted in writing to the [Mineral Lands Division](#).

Application for reinstatement must be done within 30 days of the licenses being cancelled or expired.

The minimum reinstatement fee for both cancelled and expired licenses is \$100 per claim, or \$1000, whichever is greater.

To complete the reinstatement process for expired licenses, the licence holder must pay the licence renewal fee and the reinstatement fee.

To complete the reinstatement process for cancelled licenses where assessment work has been completed, the holder must submit the assessment report and pay the reinstatement fee.

Licenses for which required assessment work has not been done will not be reinstated to allow for payment of a security deposit. Those deposits remain due on or before the anniversary date of the license.

Does the licence reinstatement process affect my ability to file a grievance under the Mineral Act?

Section 39 of the **Mineral Act** provides the mechanism for filing a grievance with the Mineral Rights Adjudication Board (the Board).

If your cancelled or expired licence is eligible for application for reinstatement, the former licence holder cannot file a grievance with the Board until first availing of the application for reinstatement process.

Why were these changes made now?

The review of the **Mineral Act** is ongoing. However, the public consultation process identified several issues that were causing difficulty for both clients and staff of the Mineral Lands Division. Changes were pursued to address these issues immediately.

Who is affected by these changes?

All former license holders who had licences expire may avail of the license reinstatement process.

All former licence holders who had licences cancelled for not submitting an assessment report may avail of the licence reinstatement process provided the work to meet the expenditure requirements has been completed.

Any license holder with appropriately aged licenses may extend their licenses past the current 30 year term.

The new daily rate only applies to individuals who hold a license or a registered interest in a license.