

Jurisdiction	Prospecting licenses	Mining claims
Alberta	<p>An exploration license must be obtained prior to a company or person applying for, or carrying out, an exploration program, and is a prerequisite for securing an exploration permit or approval. A license allows the holder to explore for metallic and industrial minerals throughout Alberta.</p> <p>An exploration permit is required in order to operate equipment during exploration.</p> <p>Exploration approval from the Land and Forest Service of Alberta Environmental Protection ("LFSAEP") is needed in order to conduct exploration that requires environmental disturbance, including drilling. Various information has to be submitted to the LFSAEP in order to secure approval, including the type of mineral explored for and the techniques used.</p> <p>Fees: License \$50 Permit \$50 Approval \$100</p>	<p>Type: Permit Term: 14 years Renewable: No Area: Between 16 and 9,216 hectares Fee: \$625 Minimum assessment work: For each two-year period, \$5 per hectare per year for the first period; \$10 per hectare per year for each of the next two periods and \$15 per hectare per year for each of the next four periods.</p> <p>A minister may cancel the permit/license if no exploration work is carried out for a period of at least three years, or if the operator has ceased to carry on business in Alberta for at least three years.</p>
British Columbia	<p>Term: One year Renewable: Yes Fee: \$500</p>	<p>Term: One year Renewable: Yes Area: Up to 100 complete or partial adjoining mining cells Fee: \$1.75 per hectare per year Minimum assessment work: \$5 per hectare per year for the first and second anniversary years; \$10 per hectare per year for the third and fourth anniversary years; \$15 per hectare per year for the fifth and sixth anniversary years and \$20 per hectare per year for each anniversary year thereafter.</p> <p>A recorded holder of a mineral claim must not produce, or cause to be produced, more than 1,000 tonnes of ore in a year from each unit/cell. A bulk sample of up to 10,000 tonnes of ore may be extracted from a claim not more than once every five years.</p>
Manitoba	<p><u>Prospecting licenses</u> Permits the exploration for minerals Term: Lifetime</p>	<p>Term: Two years Renewable: Yes Area: Between 16 and 256 hectares</p>

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	<p>Renewable: No</p> <p>Transferable: No</p> <p><u>Mineral exploration licenses</u></p> <p>Awards the exclusive right to explore for minerals.</p> <p>Term: Three or five years depending on location</p> <p>Renewable: Yes</p> <p>Fee: \$401</p> <p>Minimum Expenditure: Between \$0.50 per hectare per year and \$15 per hectare per year depending on the location of the area and the year of the license</p>	<p>Fee: \$16 for unsurveyed territory; \$67 for surveyed territory</p> <p>Minimum expenditure: \$12.50 per hectare per year increasing to \$25 per hectare per year after year 10, unless the license is for an area designated as Zone A or B, in which case varying minimum expenditure is required depending on location and number of years explored, between \$0.50 per hectare and \$15 per hectare.</p>
New Brunswick	<p>Term and Renewable: A prospecting license is valid for a lifetime and may be issued to a person who is at least 19 years old, to a company or to a registered partnership.</p> <p>Fee: \$100 for a natural person, \$200 for a partnership, \$500 for a corporation</p>	<p>Term: One, two or three years from the effective date</p> <p>Renewable: Yes, up to three terms of one year each</p> <p>A claim cannot be renewed for more than one term at a time unless the dollar value of the work in that term equals or exceeds the estimated dollar value of the work to be completed in the subsequent term(s).</p> <p>Area: Not less than one mineral claim unit and no more than 256 mineral claim units</p> <p>Fee: \$10 per mineral claim unit increasing to \$50 per mineral claim per year for all terms after the 16th term</p> <p>Minimum required work: \$100 per mineral claim per year for the first term increasing to \$800 per mineral claim per year for all terms after the 25th term</p> <p>Payment in lieu of required work in first year: \$20 per mineral claim unit</p>
Newfoundland and Labrador	<p>Term: Five years</p> <p>Renewable: Yes, maximum of three times for a period of 5 years each; after the three terms, it can be renewed up to 10 times for a period of one year each</p> <p>Fee: \$65 per claim</p>	<p>Term: Five years</p> <p>Renewable: Yes, to a maximum of 30 years in total. Fees for renewal vary from \$50 to \$200 per claim per year, depending on the term of the claim.</p> <p>Area: Up to 256 coterminous map-staked claims (each map-staked claim is 25 hectares or less)</p> <p>Fee: \$65 per claim</p> <p>Minimum assessment work: Between \$200 and \$2,500 per claim per year depending on the year and term of the</p>

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Northwest Territories and Nunavut	<p>Term: From date of issue until March 31</p> <p>Renewable: Yes</p> <p>Fee: \$5 for an individual, \$50 for a corporation</p> <p>Transfer: A license is not transferable</p>	<p>Term: Three years or five years, depending on location of claim</p> <p>Renewable: No, extension of one year available if unable to complete minimum assessment work</p> <p>Area: Maximum 1,250 hectares; cannot include certain protected areas</p> <p>Fee: \$0.25 per hectare</p> <p>Minimum assessment work: \$10 per hectare during the first two years, \$5 per hectare each subsequent year</p> <p>Transfer: No consent required</p>
Nova Scotia	<p>Term: One year from date of issue</p> <p>Renewable: May be renewed once each year for a further year</p> <p>Fee: \$10 per claim</p>	<p>Term: One year</p> <p>Renewable: Yes</p> <p>Fee: \$20 per claim in the first year, increasing to \$320 per claim in years 26 and after</p> <p>Minimum assessment work: \$200 per year per claim for the first 10 years; \$400 per year per claim for years 11 to 15; \$800 per year per claim for years 16 and after</p>
Ontario	<p>Term: Five years</p> <p>Renewable: Yes</p> <p>Fee: \$25.50</p>	<p>Term: No expiration, provided work requirements are met and fees are paid</p> <p>Renewable: Yes</p> <p>Area: Minimum 16 hectares; maximum 256 hectares</p> <p>Fee: \$20.40 to \$61.20, depending on the number of claims staked</p> <p>Minimum assessment work: \$400 within the first two years; \$400 every year thereafter</p>
Prince Edward Island	<p>Term: One year</p> <p>Renewable: Yes</p>	<p>Term: One year</p> <p>Renewable: Yes, for four consecutive years provided that the holder carries on mineral investigation and work as required</p> <p>Area: Maximum of 80 claims</p> <p>Fee: \$5 per claim</p> <p>Minimum assessment work: \$5 per acre every year; excess amounts spent in one year may be credited to future years</p>

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Québec	Term: Five years Renewable: Yes Fee: \$40.50 Transfer: No	Term: Two years Renewable: Yes Area: Each parcel restricted to 16 hectares and its sides shall be 400m in length Fee: Ranges from \$33.25 to \$151 per claim depending on the size and location of claims. For claims over 150 hectares the fee is five times the registration fee. Minimum assessment work: Ranges from \$48 to \$3,600 per claim depending on the size, location and term of the claims
Saskatchewan	Term: Two years Renewable: No Fee: \$0.30 per hectare, with a minimum of \$3,000 Area: Between 10,000 and 50,000 hectares Expenditure Requirements: \$5.25 per hectare during the term	Term: One year Renewable: Automatic one-year renewals so long as compliant with applicable regulations, including minimum spend on exploration. Area: Not greater than 6,000 hectares Fee: \$0.60 per hectare with a minimum of \$300 Expenditure requirements: Ranges from \$15 to \$25 per two-year period, with a minimum of \$240 - \$400 per period
Yukon	A prospecting license is not required in Yukon. Anyone aged 18 years or older, or an individual authorized by any corporation authorized to carry on business in Yukon, or anyone acting on behalf of someone else aged 18 years or older, may enter on available land for mining purposes, locate, prospect, and mine for gold and other precious minerals or stones.	Term: 21 years Renewable: Yes, further 21 years Area: Maximum size 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet for one claim or 2,250 by 2,250 feet per claim where two or more locators Fee: \$10 Minimum assessment work: \$200 per claim per year work done outside the claim will be considered 'work done' Term rental: \$50 if acreage is 51.65 or less and add \$5 for each additional acre Renewal fee: \$200 if acreage is 51.65 or less and add \$20 for each additional acre Transfer: Requires the minister's consent