# USING NEW BRUNSWICK CROWN LANDS

What is Crown Land? Crown Land includes all or any part of land (including land covered by water) that is not privately owned in the Province of New Brunswick. These lands are managed by various provincial Departments. For the purpose of the application, Crown Land refers to land administered and controlled by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Crown Lands are managed in the best interest of the people of New Brunswick. The use of Crown Land is a privilege for all residents of New Brunswick and is made available for people to use and enjoy.

**Occasional use** of Crown Land generally does not require formal authorization from DNR. Some examples of occasional use are: hiking, biking, picnicking, and canoeing.

**Extended use** of Crown Land or activities that involve development on Crown Land requires a formal agreement. This authorization may be given after a review of the application, by issuing a formal document known as a Lease, Easement, or License. Some examples of these activities include

- Campsite
- Right of way
- Commercial/ Industrial activities

### Information you should know if you require authorization:

Any use of Crown Land may require some or all of the following (see part III):

- Application and issuance fees
- Approval from other government agencies
- Legal assistance
- Survey plan
- Deed
- Approval from the Minister of Natural Resources
- Liability insurance
- Business plan
- Environmental insurance
- Environmental Impact Assessment determination letter
- Other documentation based on the specific type of land use application

### The Process:

Once you submit a completed application form and meet basic eligibility requirements, you will receive a letter of acknowledgement advising you of the application review process. Your application will be reviewed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as well as other governmental agencies. The time for the review process will vary depending on the type of request. If accepted, you will be notified. The review process is expected to take between 6 and 21 weeks.

#### Information:

More information on Crown Lands, and the completing of this application package can be obtained at www.gnb.ca/0263/ or at the toll free number 1-888-312-5600.



# SHOOTING RANGE LEASE APPLICATION PACKAGE

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This application package is used for a Shooting Range Lease.

Please read the entire application package before filling out the application form.

The application will be returned to you if the form and required attachments are not complete.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Shooting Range Lease

A Shooting Range lease is a legal agreement which authorizes the use of Crown Land for individual or private-group recreational facilities. A shooting range lease (handgun, shotgun, rifle, and/or archery) is issued for a period of 10 years.

### Fees\*:

- Application Fee: \$171.00 (\$150.00 plus HST, non-refundable) to be paid when you apply.
- Other fees and requirements: See Part III- Should Your Application Be Accepted.

\* All fees are subject to change.

## What do you need to know before you apply ?

#### Have you located a site?

In order to apply to use Crown Land, you must have located a specific property within the Province of New Brunswick. An application that does not specify a property will not be considered.

#### Is the property Crown Land?

You must be certain that the property you are requesting is Crown Land and not a private property. To confirm the ownership of the property you must contact your local Service New Brunswick (SNB) Registry and Mapping office. To locate your local SNB Registry and Mapping office, please call the toll free number: 1-888-762-8600 or visit the SNB web site: www.snb.ca.



## **BASIC ELIGIBILITY**

- Signing Officers must be at least 19 years of age.
- Businesses must be registered with Corporate Affairs in New Brunswick and provide a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation.
- Non-profit applicants must be registered with Corporate Affairs in New Brunswick and provide a copy of their Letters Patent.
- Shooting ranges **cannot** be established within:
  - o 40 kilometres of another similar range, either on Crown Land or freehold land;
  - 1 kilometre of schools, residences, camps, hospitals, parks, playgrounds, churches and other institutions, migratory bird sanctuaries, and known habitat of rare, threatened or endangered animal species;
  - 1 kilometre of undeveloped lands where there is already a plan to use it for activities listed above or for camps or for public use; and
  - 500 metres of National Wildlife Refuges, Protected Natural Areas, deer wintering areas, recreational trails, shopping centers and industrial areas.
  - Shooting range sites shall **not** contain:
    - Floodplains which are lands that may be prone to flooding;
    - o Lakes, rivers, wetlands or other bodies of water;
    - Lands that will be needed for their natural resources or development over the next 10 years;
    - An operational quarry or mine site;
    - o Rare, threatened or endangered plant species;
    - Archaeologically and culturally significant areas;
    - o Well-field and groundwater protection areas; and/or
    - Lands within 75 meters of the shore of watercourses located in Municipal Water Supply Watersheds.

Applications that do not meet the basic eligibility requirements will be rejected.



## SHOULD YOUR APPLICATION BE ACCEPTED

Once your application is reviewed and accepted, a letter from the Department of Natural Resources will inform you of other requirements if applicable.

### Requirements that WILL be requested upon acceptance of the application

1. <u>Survey Plan</u>: The survey must be completed by a New Brunswick Land Surveyor; and be submitted, reviewed and filed by the Department of Natural Resources.

#### Requirements that MAY be requested upon review of the application

- 2. <u>Liability Insurance</u>: Liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 minimum, listing "Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources" as additional-insured. Proof of insurance must be provided every year.
- 3. <u>Public Notification</u>: The applicant may be required to advertise the proposal in the local newspapers or satisfy other public consultation requirements.
- 4. <u>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)</u>: A copy of an Environmental Impact Assessment determination letter from the Department of Environment and Local Government may be required before the lease is issued.
- 5. <u>Permits and Authorizations</u>: A copy of all necessary permits/authorizations from the Department of Public Safety Chief of Firearms officer must be obtained. You must comply with all laws whether municipal, provincial or federal, and obtain all required permits and authorizations such as: a building permit, quarry permit, watercourse alteration permit, petroleum storage license.

### Requirements that WILL be requested upon issuance of the lease:

- 6. <u>Issuance Fee</u>: **\$171.00 (\$150.00 plus HST) non-refundable**. Fee charged for all approved applications when the lease is issued. Make cheque payable to the New Brunswick Minister of Finance. Due when the lease document is executed and signed.
- 7. <u>Annual Rent</u>: **\$45.60** (\$40.00 plus HST) per hectare is payable when the lease is executed. Yearly rental is due April 1 and is invoiced prior to that date. **Should the rent become 91**days over due, the lease may be cancelled.
- 8. <u>Harvesting Permit</u>: A harvesting permit must be obtained from the local District Ranger before any trees are cut from a site.
- 9. <u>Annual Property Taxes</u>: The lessee is responsible for paying the annual property taxes on the leased property.

#### Other terms and conditions may apply.

All costs associated with "requirements" are the responsibility of the applicant.



# HOW TO APPLY

Part IV is designed to help you complete the Shooting Range Lease Application Form (Part V). The order of information contained in Part IV corresponds with the order of requested information on the Application Form.

## Section A - Applicant

The name on the application form is the name that will be used on the legal agreement. The only fields that are optional are the e-mail and cellular phone.

Language: verbal and written correspondence will be available in your official language of choice.

**Applicant Status**: if you represent an incorporated body, please provide a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation for your organization, as well as names and titles of signing officers.

## Section B - Intended use of the land

- B1 Describe in detail the specific use of the land. If needed, include an attachment with more details. Ensure that this attachment is identified as question B1.
- **B2** Specify the names of other clubs that may operate the proposed range if it is not being developed and operated solely by this club.
- **B3** Identify any setback requirements that have not been met and provide details.
- B4 Do you intend to construct or use an existing water supply, sewage disposal or water disposal. In such cases, permits and authorization will be needed from various Departments such as Health and Wellness and Environment and Local Government.
- B5 If petroleum products or hazardous products will be stored on site, specify the quantity. If the storage capacity is 2000 L (528 gal) or more, you will need to obtain a license from the Department of Environment and Local Government.
- **B6** Identify the standard safety construction to be used.
- **B7-** If constructing the required backstop is not feasible explain why.
- **B8** Explain how establishing a range safety area will not compromise public safety on lands that would be needed for the range safety area.
- **B9** If a range safety area is needed, where is it located? Is it on private property, or Crown Land?
- **B10** If the land proposed for a range safety area is private property, have you obtained the written consent from the landowner(s)? If yes, attach it to the application form or include a copy.



## Section C - Location

- C1 Provide an estimate of the size of the proposed area required in hectares.
- C2 A PID number is a Parcel IDentifier number that identifies all properties in New Brunswick. You must provide the PID number of the property on your application form. You can obtain this number at your local Service New Brunswick (SNB) Registry and Mapping office. If for any reason this property has not been assigned a PID number, please indicate the PID number of an adjacent property.
- C3 Identify County and Parish for this property.

## Section D - Site Description

- D1 What is this site currently used for?
- D2 Identify the adjacent properties, what they are used for and who are the owners.
- D3 Describe the watercourse near the land and give its name. Give its distance from the site. What kind of watercourse: stream, swamp, river, ocean, or lake. You may be required to obtain a Watercourse Alteration Permit from the Department of Environment and Local Government. This information will be given to you once the review process is completed.
- D4 Is there a road accessing to the land? Give its name and specify: highway, secondary road, private road, forest road, or other.
- D5 If a road is accessing the land, describe its condition (ie: good, fair, poor).
- D6 Can you access this land year-round?
- **D7** Is there evidence of present occupation on the land? This could be any structure or activity that may indicate that the site is presently used or occupied.
- **D8** What type of vegetation covers the land? Forest: tree cover Clear cut: all trees are cut Partial cut: some trees are cut Field: open area
- D9 Is there any evidence of boundary lines on the land?
   Evidence: May be a fence, tree line, rock wall or blazed line.
   No Evidence: There is no evidence of the property boundaries.
   All visible: All sides of the property are identifiable

## Section E - Payment and Signatures

- Indicate the method of payment used for application fee.
- You MUST sign and date the application form.



## Section F - Attachments

The following attachments MUST be included with the application. If any of the attachments are missing, the application may be returned.

- **F1** The application fee payment of \$171.00. (See section E of the application form for the different methods of payment.)
- **F2** A general map that will locate the site within the province. For example, a road map, or a Provincial Atlas map. See **Appendix A**.
- F3 A detailed SNB Planet site map large enough to locate the site. This map is available at your local Service New Brunswick (SNB) Registry and Mapping office. See Appendix A for an example.

On this map please:

- clearly outline the requested site (highlight the boundaries).
- have at least one legible PID number.
- F4 Include a Site Development Plan with your application. A description and sketch of the physical layout location of an actual or planned structure or set of structures (e.g. buildings, fencing, access road, well, septic system, parking area, etc.) including the intended use to development uses. A sample Site Development Plan is included in this application package, in Appendix B.
- F5 If the range safety area is on private property, attach a copy of the landowners written consent.
- **F6** A copy of the organization's "Letters Patent" issued by Corporate Affairs Registry of New Brunswick for non-profit organizations and the names and titles of signing officers.

## All costs associated with the application are the responsibility of the applicant.

For clarification on any parts of the Application Package please call 1-888-312-5600.

See **Appendix C** for a check list to ensure the completeness of the application form.



PART V Shooting Range Lease

Application Form - Shooting Range Department of Natural Resources Crown Lands Branch P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton NB E3B 5H1 Tel: 1-888-312-5600 Fax: (506) 457-4802



		F	Please r	efer to	PART	IV "How to	о Ар	ply"		
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Conta	ct person									
Prese	nt Membership of Clu	)								
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B1	What is the intended	use?								
B2	List all clubs/organiz	ations t	hat may o	operate th	e range	:				
B3	Does the site meet th	e minin	num setba	ack requir	rements	6?				
B4	Do any of the followi	ng appl		applicatio	on?					
		No	To be constructed	d Existing						
	Water Supply					Well dug		Well drilled	Othe	er
	Sewage Disposal					Portable system		Septic Tank	Othe	er
	Gray Water Disposal					Seepage Pit		Septic Tank	Othe	Pr



				PART V Shooting Range Lease
B5	Will Petroleum Products or other hazardous product	ts be stored	l on site?	
		ore than 200	0 litres	
B6	What type of safety construction will be used?			
	Back stop Describe:		Range safety area	
В-	INTENDED USE OF THE LAND			
B7	Explain why backstop is not feasible			
B8	Range safety area will not compromise public safety	/		
B9	Where is the range safety area?	oporty	Crown Land	4
B9 B10	Do you have private landowners consent?			
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	LOCATION			
C1	Estimated size of the area (ha)			
C2	PID number		Adjacent PID	
C3	County		Parish	
D -	SITE DESCRIPTION			
D1	Existing use of the subject property			
D2	Adjacent use and ownership			
D2				
D3	Is there a watercourse nearby, adjacent or through t	ne request	ea property?	
D4	Is there access to the site?			
	No Yes, specify:			
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## PART V Shooting Range Lease

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D5	If there is a pu	ublic acc	ess, descri	be its condition	on.					
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D7	Is there evider	s there evidence of present occupation on the land?								
	Building	Building     Fences     Clearing     Other, specify								
D8	Vegetation co	ver								
	Forest	Forest         Clear cut         Partial cut         Field         Other – specify:								
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	Signature of Cardholder:									
	Yes I am over 19 years of age Signature of applicant									
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# F - ATTACHMENTS

Required documents		
F1	Application fee payment of \$171.00	
F2	General Map (see Appendix A)	
F3	Site Map (see Appendix A)	
F4	Site Development Plan – (see Appendix B)	
F5	Copy of Letters Patent	



# DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Appraisal Fee	A fee charged for carrying out an appraisal on a property.
Buffer Zone	Refers to any area of land established under a policy or regulation for the protection of wetlands, watercourses, public roads, etc. For example, development buffers along watercourses generally extend 30 meters inland from the ordinary high water mark.
Certificate of Incorporation	A document issued by Corporate Affairs in New Brunswick to verify a company has been registered with the government and is authorized to operate a business within the province.
Crown	Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources or any other Minister of the Provincial Government.
Crown Land	Crown Land is defined under the <i>Crown Lands and Forest Act</i> as the lands vested in the Crown that are under the administration and control of the Minister of Natural Resources and may include land covered by water.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	A screening process that examines the possible or probable impacts of a proposal on the environment. The approval is given by the Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG). The proposal is reviewed by the DELG only.
Environmental Insurance	Environmental Remediation Insurance maintained by an individual who leases crown lands, intended to cover the cost of rehabilitating the Crown land should an environmental accident occur.
Environmental Liability	The liability associated with the responsibility to clean up lands subject to environmental hazards or damage
Harvesting Permit	A permit issued by the local Ranger Office authorizing the permit holder to cut/harvest trees from Crown land.
Issuance Fee	Fee charged to issue a lease once it has been approved.
Lessee	An individual or company to whom a lease has been issued.
Letters Patent	A document issued by Corporate Affairs of New Brunswick verifying the incorporation and registration of a group as a not for profit organization.



# PART VI Shooting Range Lease

- Liability Insurance General liability insurance coverage in the amount of 2 million dollars minimum, listing "Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick" as co-insured. A certificate of insurance must be provided each year.
- Non-ProfitA group or organization incorporated to benefit/aid other individuals or its ownOrganizationmembers without financial benefit to the organization.

Ordinary High Water <u>Coastal</u>: A line on the shore created by the mean of the average high tide under normal weather conditions.

Inland: The line on the bed of a lake, river or stream made by the average level of the water excluding freshets or summer lows.

Parcel Identifier A unique number issued by Service New Brunswick used to identify each property in New Brunswick.

- Rental Rent payable when a lease is signed and sealed. Also due April 1 each year during the term of a lease or license of occupation. Lessees/licensees are invoiced annually prior to that date. If the rent is 91-days overdue, a lease may be cancelled.
- Service N.B. Service New Brunswick is a Crown Corporation and is the provincial government's front line services and information provider to the public.
- Shooting Club A non-profit organization whose activities include target practice or target shooting competitions using firearms at an approved shooting range.
- Shooting Range A facility designed and intended for the safe discharge, on a regular and structured basis, of firearms for the purpose of target practice or target shooting competitions.
- Site Development A written description of the manner and time which a Lessee shall alter, Plan develop, use, maintain and rehabilitate Crown Lands. This may include a description and sketch of the physical location of an existing or planned structure(s) (e.g., buildings, fencing, access roads, electrical, water and septic systems, parking areas, etc.) plus a timetable or phases of development.
- Site Inspection The inspection by a DNR staff member of a property affected by a land use application.
- Survey Plan A survey plan is a drawing, map or plan prepared by a New Brunswick Land Surveyor to show information obtained from a survey of lands.

Timber Rights The right to cut or harvest trees on Crown Land. Only Crown Timber Licensees, through the Department of Natural Resources, have these rights.

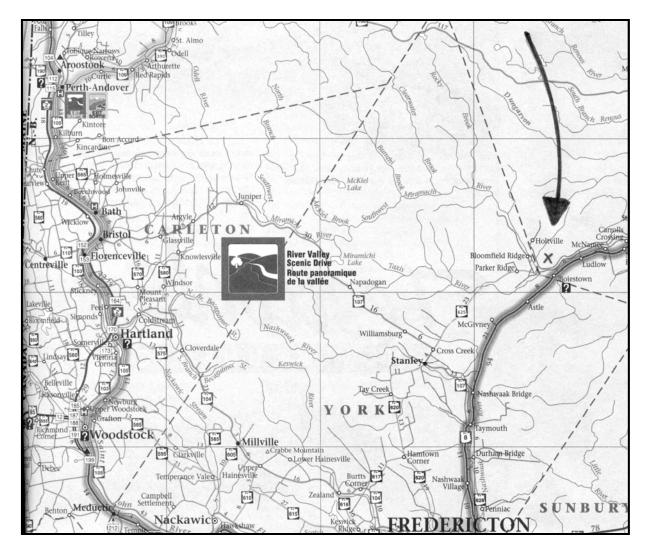


# MAPS - EXAMPLES

The following are examples of maps that must be included in your application.

## You must include a copy of 2 maps with your application.

**General Map:** Include a general map that will locate the site within the province. For example, a road map, or a Provincial Atlas map.

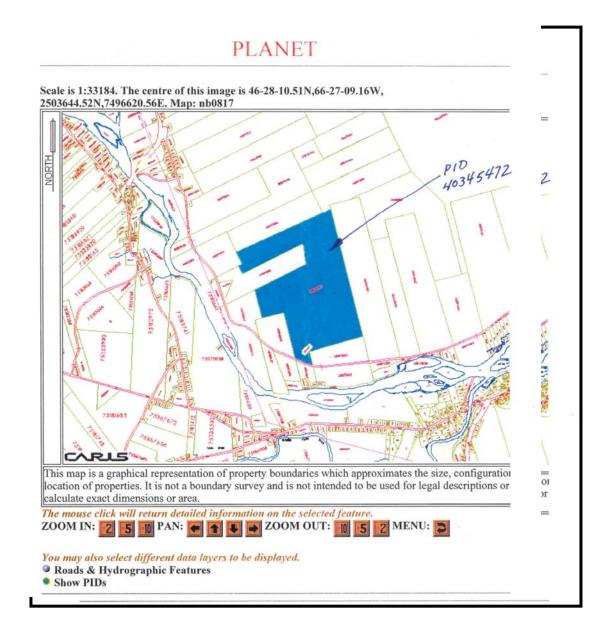




Site Map: Include a SNB Browser map that:

- clearly outlines the request site (highlight the boundaries),
- and have at least one legible PID number.

A Browser can be obtained at Service New Brunswick Registry and Mapping office.





**Shooting Range** 

# SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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for

**Shooting Range** 

Applicant/Lessee: \_\_\_\_\_

(print)

This Site Development Plan is submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Shooting Range Lease



1-888-312-5600 www.gnb.ca/0263/ cltc@gnb.ca

## Department of Natural Resources Site Development Plan

## Lease Category: <u>Recreational Shooting Range</u>

#### SECTION 1: USE

Provide information on the following:

Firearm (e.a	handgun, rifle, etc)	Archery
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Outdoor

Maximum number of persons that will be using the facilities?				
Will non-members be allowed use of If yes, under what circumstances?	the facilities?	Yes	🛛 No	

Will the premises be used for any purpose other than firearm/archery practice?

#### SECTION 2: DEVELOPMENT

Range type: 
Indoor

#### For assistance, please contact your nearest N.B. Department of Natural Resources office.

- 1. Describe in detail any planned or anticipated improvements that will be constructed or used (including backstop, structures, storage facilities, new or upgraded roads, equipment, parking areas, etc.). Please indicate the location of these improvements on the sketch on page 3.
- 2. Describe in detail the construction and location of the backstop.
- 3. Describe the source for water supply (if any) and any associated improvements (e.g. well, reservoir, underground pipes, etc.).



- 4. Describe the method of sewage and waste disposal including a description of any waste materials and indicate on the sketch the location where they will be stored or deposited on the lease.
- 5. Describe any fuel storage facilities maintained or to be maintained on site including the type of fuel, the amount stored, the type of storage container or structure and indicate its location(s) on the sketch.
- 6. Describe in detail the specifications to be used in posting the range on its boundaries and during use.
- 7. Describe in detail any planned or anticipated improvements that will be constructed prior to the date of termination of the lease and which are not covered in the initial construction phase.

		C	ONSTRUCTION	
Improvement	Use	Anticipated Cost	Anticipated	Anticipated
			Commencement	Completion Date
			Date	



- 8. Development guidelines:
  - a) No construction shall occur unless authorized by this plan or an approved amendment thereof; and
  - b) The lessee shall insure that all construction or renovations meet health, environmental, safety, zoning, fire, building and other standards and codes.



Shooting Range

### SECTION 2: SITE PLAN

Sketch the location of all existing and proposed improvements. Locate the position of the backstop, firing line and firing points on the firing lines. Show North Arrow, lease boundaries and all watercourses, roads, trails, and improvements within the lease boundaries.

Boundary line maintenance is the responsibility of the Lessee.



#### SECTION 3: LICENSES

List all licenses, permits, or certificates received/required from regulatory agencies for continued use of this site.

### SECTION 4: MAINTENANCE

1. Describe in detail all repairs or maintenance which will be required on an annual or periodic basis to ensure the premises are safe and in good repair:

Item	Season	Cost

2. List all insurance policies, the names of the insured and the amounts which are to be maintained for public liability. Note: A general liability insurance in the amount of 2 million dollars minimum, listing "Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick" as co-insured. A certificate of insurance must be provided every year.

Policy Number	Company	Amount	Names of Insured

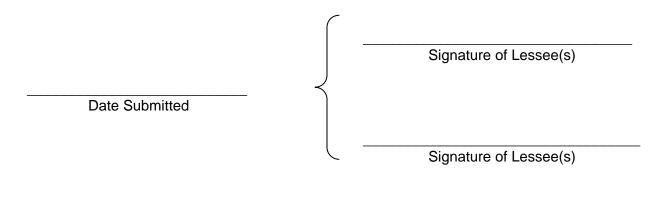
3. List all safety measures to be taken or maintained for the protection of the members and the general public and to prevent unauthorized use.



#### SECTION 5: REHABILITATION

Describe in detail the steps which will be taken to remove improvements from the site and/or return the site to a condition acceptable to the Lessor in the eventuality that this lease expires or is terminated.

All amendments to this Site Development Plan must be submitted in writing to the Regional Director.



Date of ApprovalAcceptance

**Regional Director** 



# **CHECK LIST**

Before sending your application, please ensure that you have included the following:

The application fee payment of \$171.00. (See section E of the application form for the different methods of payment.) <b>non-refundable</b>
A general map identifying the area.
A SNB Planet site map identifying the specific area applied for. Maps are available at your local Service New Brunswick Registry and Mapping office*.
PID number of the property. Available at your local Service New Brunswick Registry and Mapping office*.
Complete, sign and date the application form.
All required attachments as per section F of the Application Form.

\* Associated SNB mapping and research fee will apply

## Send your completed Shooting Range Application Form to:

Department of Natural Resources Crown Lands Branch Land Use Application Service Centre P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton NB E3B 5H1

Courier address: 1350 Regent Street, Room 250, Fredericton, NB E3C 2G6

