

## Forestry Overview

### What approvals do you need?

You must obtain a timber permit to cut and remove trees on land within the Yukon.

There are several types of permits, depending on your project size and the intent of use, so it is essential that you have a clear idea of what you want to harvest and produce before you start the permitting process.

### What key legislation is involved for cutting trees?

Effective April 1, 2003 the following “mirrored” legislation will guide forestry activities in the Yukon:

- *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act (TLA)* including:
  - *Timber Regulation (TR)*
  - *Land Use Regulation (LUR)*
  - *Forest Protection Regulation (2003) and Yukon’s Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)*

The following also apply to activities in the Yukon:

- *Lands Act*
- *Forest Protection Acts and Regulations*
- *First Nations Final and Self-Government Agreements*

### Why are regulations important?

The regulations provide the tools for managing this renewable resource based on the principles of sustainability for future generations.

### How can you prepare?

You need to identify the amount and type (e.g. saw logs, building logs, fire wood, etc.) of timber you need. You also need to familiarize yourself with the *Timber Regulation (TR)*.

If you are not sure which type of permit you need to apply for, visit your local *Client Services and Inspections (CSI) district office*, of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR). A Natural Resource Officer (NRO) will be available to tell you which areas are available for timber harvesting and help you complete the application.

### Who’s eligible?

Anyone over the age of 19 years can apply for a timber permit in the Yukon, but depending on the size of your project, you may be required to meet specific eligibility criteria. See the eligibility criteria for more information.

### How are Permits classified?

There are two general types of permits in the Yukon: personal use and timber (which is commonly referred to as commercial use).

Personal use permits are available for anyone who wants small amounts of firewood, poles, Christmas trees, house building logs or a small volume of round wood (saw logs) for non-commercial use. There are also special conditions for traditional use of forest products by First Nations people and subsistence users such as trappers and prospectors. Applications for personal use permits and for timber permits up to 1000 m<sup>3</sup> are issued by your local CSI District Office.

The second type of permit, timber permits, are available to applicants who need a supply of wood for their business or to sell, e.g. firewood sales, saw-milling, house building or other ventures. Large permits (for volumes over 1000 m<sup>3</sup>) require a significant amount of pre-planning and consultation, which is undertaken by the *Forest Management Branch (FMB)* of the *Sustainable Resources Division* of EMR. This branch is also responsible for issuing the timber permit. The FMB will only accept applications for green wood timber permits over 1000 m<sup>3</sup> in areas that have been planned, consultations undertaken and advertised.

## Timber Permits and Fees

Permit Class	Permit Type and Volume	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Application Fee	Permit Time and Issuer
A	Round Wood not to exceed 20,000 m <sup>3</sup>	Under 100 m <sup>3</sup>	\$10.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		100 to 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$50.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		Over 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$100.00	2 - 6 mos FMB
B	Two year Round Wood up to 40,000 m <sup>3</sup> not to exceed 25,000 m <sup>3</sup> in one year	Under 100 m <sup>3</sup>	\$10.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		100 to 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$50.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		Over 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$100.00	2 - 6 mos FMB
C	Three year Round Wood up to 60,000 m <sup>3</sup> not to exceed 25,000 m <sup>3</sup> in one year	Under 100 m <sup>3</sup>	\$10.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		100 to 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$50.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		Over 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$100.00	2 - 6 mos FMB
D	Fuel Wood less than 2.5 m in length not to exceed 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	All	\$10.00	1 - 30 days CSI
E	Round Wood by Public Tenure in priority harvest area not to exceed 40,000 m <sup>3</sup>	All	\$100.00	2 - 6 mos FMB
F	Round Wood by Public Tenure not to exceed 20,000 m <sup>3</sup>	All	\$100.00	1 - 2 mos FMB
G	Round Wood not to exceed 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	Under 100 m <sup>3</sup>	\$10.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		100 to 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$50.00	
		Over 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$100.00	
H	Round Wood for personal, non-commercial use not to exceed 80 trees	Under 100 m <sup>3</sup>	\$10.00	1 - 30 days CSI
		100 to 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$50.00	
		Over 1000 m <sup>3</sup>	\$100.00	

## Forestry Steps

1. Visit your local *CSI district office* to discuss the available timber harvesting locations.
2. Complete the timber application form and submit along with the fees to your local *CSI district office*. Make sure your application is accurate and includes your preferred available harvest location. Applications are allocated depending on wood availability. All applicants must be in good standing and have no outstanding dues or fees.
3. Timber permits up to 1000 m<sup>3</sup> are issued by the *CSI district office*. You will need to complete a project description. Staff will tell you if they are required to conduct additional First Nations consultation and if an environmental screening is required. After the officer has completed the review of your project description the timber permit may be issued with terms and conditions for harvesting and subject to all other authorities.
4. Timber permits over 1000 m<sup>3</sup> are issued by the *Forest Management Branch* of EMR. The branch will notify you if you are eligible for a permit and send you information about your harvest location. You will need to fill out a detailed project description. Your project description will be screened through the Yukon's *Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)* and the local First Nation will be consulted. After the review of your project description is completed, the timber permit may be issued with terms and conditions for harvesting and subject to all other authorities. (See eligibility criteria.)
5. You must ensure that your final field layout meets the mitigation, terms and conditions of the permit before it is approved.
6. A Natural Resource Officer will monitor your project to ensure compliance with the permit terms and conditions. You are required to report the timber harvested, scale the timber and pay dues.
7. Your project is considered finished when all the terms and conditions in the permit are met and all dues are paid.

Eligibility criteria for commercial use Timber Permit:

- describe your knowledge of environmental protection and conservation measures related to the local harvesting conditions;
- describe your experience in the forestry industry;
- describe your capacity to harvest the type and size of permit for which you are applying; and
- supply a list of any previous permits.\*

\*If you have not previously been issued a commercial use timber permit, you will be required to pay a security deposit.

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# How To Get Timber Harvest Approvals