

STAKING A CLAIM

There are two ways to stake a claim in Manitoba:

- in the surveyed area in the south, claims may be map-staked; minimum size is 16 hectares; maximum size is 256 hectares, more or less
- in the non-surveyed area in northern and southeastern Manitoba, claims must be ground-staked; minimum size is 16 hectares; maximum size is 256 hectares, more or less

A claim is good for two years after it has been recorded. To maintain a claim in good standing beyond two years, the holder is required to perform and report exploration work.

Work requirements are:

\$12.50 per hectare each year from year 2 to year 10

\$25 per hectare for year 11 and beyond



MANITOBA MINING LAWS

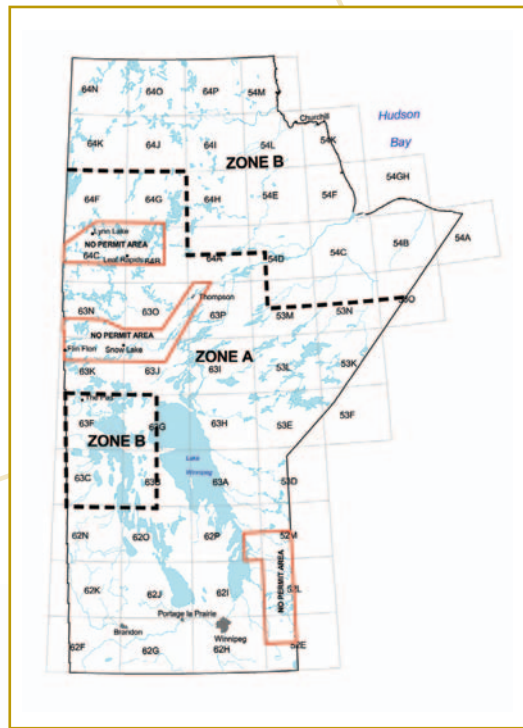
Manitoba's *Mines and Minerals Act* provides the explorationist and mine developer with a stable and secure land tenure system. Manitoba Industry, Economic Development and Mines administers *The Mines and Minerals Act*, which provides the regulatory framework for all mineral exploration and development in the province.

Acquiring Mineral Rights

Acquisition of mineral rights in Manitoba follows two different paths depending upon whether the commodity being sought is a metal or a quarry mineral.

Mineral rights associated with exploration for metals can be obtained by

1. staking a mining claim, or
2. applying for a large area disposition called a mineral exploration licence.



Crown quarry mineral rights can be acquired by

1. applying for a quarry lease that grants exclusive rights to the lessee, or
2. obtaining a casual quarry permit that is annual and non-exclusive, or
3. applying for a quarry exploration permit that allows exploration for industrial minerals but must be converted to either a quarry lease or a casual quarry permit prior to production.



OBTAINING A MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCE

Claim Maps

Claim maps show all recorded claims, mineral exploration licences, mineral leases, patented mining claims, quarry exploration permits, as well as other encumbrances on mineral rights such as parks and protected areas, reserve lands and treaty land entitlement land selections. These maps are available from Mines Branch offices in Winnipeg and Flin Flon and can be viewed through the GIS Map Gallery on the Mineral Resources Division web site.

Prospecting Licences

Anyone who stakes a claim or conducts exploration work in Manitoba is required to have a Prospecting Licence. The licence costs \$13 and is good for life. Individuals or companies do not need a licence to hold an interest in a claim.

Companies that wish to apply for and hold a mineral exploration licence must obtain a Company Prospecting Licence. The company must be registered to do business in Manitoba before obtaining a licence. The licence costs \$257 and is good for as long as the company is in existence.

The Production Stage

In order to produce minerals from a claim, the claim must be converted to a mineral lease. A claim can be converted to a mineral lease if, over the life of the claim, required work in the amount of \$625 per hectare has been reported. The term of a mineral lease is 21 years with an annual rental of \$10.50 per hectare.

Mine Closure

Companies must file closure plans and supply a security deposit for mining operations and advanced exploration projects. Closure plans must meet provincial and federal environmental and workplace health and safety requirements.

Holders of Manitoba prospecting licences can apply for a Mineral Exploration Licence that does not require boundaries to be marked on the ground. The province is divided into two zones, Zone A and Zone B, with different expenditure requirements, size restrictions and licence terms for each zone.

Mineral Exploration Licences

- mineral exploration licences are not available in the main mining areas
- licences may be applied for at any time
- an application fee of \$359.00 and a cash security deposit of \$0.50 per hectare are required

Zone A requirements

- minimum size 5000 hectares; maximum size 50 000 hectares
- three-year term, renewable for an additional three years
- expenditure requirements:
 - \$1.25/ha – 1st year
 - \$5.00/ha – 2nd year
 - \$7.50/ha – 3rd year
 - \$10.00/ha – 4th year
 - \$12.50/ha – 5th year
 - \$15.00/ha – 6th year

Zone B requirements

- minimum size 5000 hectares; maximum size 100 000 hectares
- five-year term, renewable for an additional five years
- expenditure requirements:
 - \$0.50/ha – 1st year
 - \$1.00/ha – 2nd year
 - \$1.50/ha – 3rd year
 - \$3.00/ha – 4th year
 - \$4.00/ha – 5th year
 - \$4.00/ha – 6th year
 - \$4.00/ha – 7th year
 - \$5.00/ha – 8th year
 - \$5.00/ha – 9th year
 - \$6.00/ha – 10th year

