



**SAND AND GRAVEL EXPLORATION, EXTRACTION  
AND RECLAMATION ON CROWN RESOURCE LAND**

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**Q. I am a private contractor, what rules apply to me?**

***Exploration Permits***

- During the term of an exploration permit, the permittee has exclusive rights to explore for *sand and gravel*. However, in keeping with Saskatchewan Environment's (SE's) principles encouraging integrated multiple uses of Crown resource land, dispositions for uses other than sand and gravel may be issued in the same area covered by the exploration permit if the use is compatible.
- Exploration permits are limited to a maximum size of 100 hectares and a term of 30 days.
- Only one exploration permit at a time will be issued to a private contractor or individual.
- If you locate sand and gravel on Crown resource land that you wish to remove, you must get a permit or lease from SE for the area to be accessed or developed.

***Small Quantity Permits***

- Small quantity permits are generally issued for a maximum duration of 3 months, a maximum volume of 350 cubic metres and a maximum area of 0.5 hectares.
- In areas of high demand or where sand and gravel deposits are limited, requests for small quantities will first be referred to existing local suppliers rather than addressed through a new extraction permit on Crown resource land, where practical.

***Sand and Gravel Surface Leases***

- Sand and gravel leases are issued on a first come, first serve basis for private contractors and individuals.
- A minimum of 50% of a sand/gravel deposit will be available for your use. SE may retain up to 50% of the sand and gravel deposit for allocation to SHT and/or RMs for public development and/or maintenance purposes. If SHT or the RM do not require aggregate in the area located you may be able to access more than the 50%.
- Surface leases are limited to a maximum of 65 hectares (160 acres) and a term of 5 years.

**Q. I am a Rural Municipality (RM) or Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation (SHT), what rules apply to me?**

- The same rules relating to maximum duration, area or volume apply for RMs and SHT as for private contractors for ***Exploration Permits*** and ***Small Quantity Permits***.

***Sand and Gravel Surface Lease***

- SHT or RMs who locate a large quantity sand and gravel deposit on Crown resource land as a result of their own exploration activity (as authorized by SE) and where the aggregate is intended to be used for public development and/or maintenance purposes can obtain a long-term lease for the full area.
- When requesting access to a sand and gravel deposit retained by SE for public development and/or maintenance purposes, RMs are *not* limited to areas within their own municipal boundaries. If an RM demonstrates a need that can best be addressed by accessing areas outside of that RM's boundary, SE will consider the merits of each request and may consult with other affected RMs.
- SHT and RMs may be granted leases with a term of up to 21 years.

**Q. What fees and royalties will be charged?**

- The rates for fees and royalties are set out in section 7, Table 1, of *The Resource Lands Regulations*.
- Rates for **exploration** permits are determined on a per hectare basis.

- Private contractors and individuals obtaining either a sand and gravel permit or a lease will be assessed a rate on a per hectare basis for each developed and undeveloped hectare, and are subject to a **minimum rental of \$100.00**. In addition, royalties will be assessed at \$0.20 per cubic metre on all product extracted.

**Q. What are the reclamation requirements?**

- All permit holders and lessees must meet reclamation requirements.
- Standard reclamation requirements are outlined in “Reclamation Guidelines for Sand and Gravel Operators”. A copy will be provided to each disposition holder when a lease or permit is issued or a copy can be obtained from the appropriate SE contact at any time.
- The lessee must reclaim the affected area to SE’s satisfaction before the surety bond or security is released.

**Q. What type of surety bond do I need and how much will it cost?**

- All lease holders are required to provide a surety bond or other security, in an amount and form specified by SE, to ensure all Crown resource land used or disturbed by the production, use or removal of sand and gravel is reclaimed to a satisfactory condition.
- Required amounts are:
  - \$5,000 minimum for sites up to one hectare (2.5 acres); plus
  - \$3,000 for each additional 0.5 hectare (1.25 acres)
- A surety bond or other acceptable security must be in place before a lease will be finalized for issuance. No on-site work shall commence without a surety bond or security in effect.
- The surety bond or security must continue and will be held in trust for the entire lease term plus six months after expiration of the lease OR until the developed area is reclaimed to SE’s satisfaction.
- Once the site has been satisfactorily restored, the surety bond or security will be discharged or returned to the lessee.

**Q. Who do I contact for more information?**

**Leases:**

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