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Did You Know? Labour Costs for Grass Roots Prospecting May Receive Double Assessment Work Credit

As of April 10, 2018, the Assessment Work Regulation (O. Reg. 65/18) defines grass roots prospecting for assessment work purposes, as: making traverses, noting outcrops and minerals of interest as well as any associated collecting and assaying of hand samples.

Grass roots prospecting is a type of work that is eligible for assessment work credits when performed on mining lands. Grass roots prospecting is also eligible for assessment work credits when it is performed on Crown lands before a mining claim has been registered, if certain conditions are met.

The Assessment Work Regulation provides for additional credits to be assigned to the labour cost component only, for grass roots prospecting, as noted:

Grass roots prospecting on mining lands

- 200 per cent of the labour costs if the assessment work report is submitted within 24 months after the grass roots prospecting work was performed;
- 100 per cent of the labour costs if the assessment work report is submitted more than 24 months but within 60 months, after the grass roots prospecting work was performed

Grass roots prospecting on Crown land (before a registered mining claim)

- 100 per cent of the labour costs if the grass roots prospecting work:
 - was performed on lands included as part of a registered mining claim,
 - the work was performed within one year before the registration of the mining claim, and

- an assessment work report claiming the work is submitted within one year following the registration of the mining claim.

Reporting Grass Roots Prospecting Labour Costs

Grass roots prospecting must be reported in an assessment work report submitted via the Mining Lands Administration System, in accordance with the Mining Act, the Assessment Work Regulation and the Technical Standards for Reporting Assessment Work. The labour costs for grass roots prospecting must be the actual costs – do not make your own adjustments to double the costs. The Minister will assign the appropriate amount of assessment work credits as part of the Minister's review of the assessment work report.

Double assessment work credits for labour costs for grass roots prospecting will not be assigned if the Minister determines on a review of an assessment work report that not all the requirements have been met, or that the labour costs claimed are unreasonable.

For more information

To learn more about labour costs for grass roots prospecting, please contact the Land Tenure and Assessment Unit at 1-888-415-9845 and ask to speak with a geoscience assessor; or contact us by email at MLAS.LTAU@ontario.ca

