
[Legal Notice No. 20]

**THE MINES AND MINERALS ACT
(Cap. 42)**

**THE MINES AND MINERALS (AMENDMENT)
REGULATION 1999**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Mines and Minerals Act, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Minerals hereby makes the following regulations -

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Regulation 1999.

2. Regulation 68(4) of the Mines and Minerals Regulations* (herebyafter referred to as the "principal Regulation) is hereby amended by deleting the word "caprious" and substituting therefor the word "capricious".

3. The principal Regulation is hereby amended by adding therein a second schedule -

"SECOND SCHEDULE

FEEES

1. APPLICATION FOR LICENCES

(1) Alluvial Miners Permit

(a) Application for alluvial miners permit -

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|------|------------|---------|
| (i) | Individual | \$40.00 |
| (ii) | Group | \$50.00 |

(b) Application for renewal of Alluvial Miners Permit -

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| (i) | Individual | \$40.00 |
| (ii) | Group | \$50.00 |

2. GOLD DEALERS LICENCE

(1) Application for Gold Dealers

Licence -

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|-----|---|------------|
| (a) | Individual | \$2,000.00 |
| (b) | Commercial bank in respect of each branch | \$2,500.00 |

- (c) Preparation fee including plans \$20.00
- (2) Filling fee for renewal of Gold Dealers Licence -
 - (a) Individual \$2,000.00
 - (b) Commercial bank \$2,500.00
in respect of each branch
- 3. RECONNAISSANCE LICENCE
 - (1) Applications for Reconnaissance Permit -
 - (a) Application fee \$1,000.00
 - (b) Preparation fees \$500.00
(including plans)
 - (c) Annual fee for each square kilometre or part thereof \$50.00
 - (d) Compliance deposit \$10,000.00
- 4. PROSPECTING LICENCE
 - (a) Application for a Prospecting Licencing -
 - (i) Application fees \$2,000.00
 - (ii) Preparation fees \$250.00
(including plans)
 - (b) The annual fee for an area of less than 20 square kilometres -
 - (i) where the applicant has not held a reconnaissance permit in respect of that area and satisfied the Director that there are unusual circumstances warranting the granting of a prospecting licence; as may be determined by the Director

- (ii) where the applicant has previously held a reconnaissance permit in respect of that area
 - for each 100 hectares or part thereof for the first year \$150.00
 - and in each subsequent year for 50 hectares or part thereof \$50.00

- (c) The annual fee for an area in excess of 20 square kilometres shall be -
 - (i) for the first year \$2,500.00
 - and for each additional square kilometre of part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres \$50.00

 - (ii) for the second year \$4,000.00
 - and for each additional square kilometre or part thereof \$60.00

 - (iii) for the third year, \$5,500.00
 - and for each additional square kilometre or part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres \$70.00

 - (iv) for the fourth year, \$7,000.00
 - and for each additional square kilometre or part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres \$80.00

- (v) for each subsequent year a fee 25% more than the fee for previous year plus for each square kilometre in excess of 20 kilometres

In the fifth year, \$50.00 and in each subsequent year, \$20.00 more than the previous year.

- (d) Compliance Deposit \$15,000.00

5. MINING LICENCE

(1) Application for a Licence

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| (a) | Application fees | \$5,000.00 | |
| (b) | Preparation fee (including plans) | \$5,000.00 | |
| (c) | Annual Mining Licence fee | \$1,000,000.00 | as may be determined by the Director. |
| (d) | Compliance Deposit | | |

(2) Renewal of Mining Lease -

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|-----|---|----------------|
| (a) | Application for renewal of mining lease | \$5,000.00 |
| (b) | Preparation fee (including plans) | \$5,000.00 |
| (c) | Annual Mining Licence fee | \$1,000,000.00 |

6. SPECIAL SITE LICENCE

(1) Special Site Licence application -

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|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|---|
| (a) | Application fee | \$3,000.00 | |
| (b) | Preparation fee (including plans) | \$500.00 | as may be determined by the Commissioner of Lands |
| (c) | Surface rental deposit | | |

as may be determined by the Director.

- (d) Compliance Deposit
- (2) Renewal of Special Site Licence
 - (a) Application for renewal \$5,000.00
 - (b) Preparation fee (including plans) \$500.00

7. ROAD ACCESS LICENCE

- (1) Road Access Licence -
 - (a) Application fee \$3,000.00
 - (b) Preparation fee (including plans) \$500.00
 - (c) Compliance Deposit

as may be determined by the Director.

8. BUILDING MATERIAL LICENCE

- (1) Building Material Licence -
 - (a) Application fee \$2,000.00
 - (b) Preparation fee (including plans) \$500.00
 - (c) Annual fee for extraction of building material -
 - (i) where the extraction is less than 5,000 cubic metres
 - (ii) where the extraction is in excess of 5,000 cubic metres \$50.00
 - (c) rental deposit

as may be determined by the Director

per cubic metres

as may be determined by the Commissioner of Lands.

(d) Compliance Deposit

as may be determined by the Director.

All rents shall be paid yearly in advance and without demand on the 31st day of December in each year:

Provided that -

(a) on the commencement of a mineral right all rent payable for the current rental period shall be paid by the holder on the notification of the grant of such tenement; and

(b) where a mineral right commences or expires during a year rental period the Director may waive or remit a proportionate part of the rent payable for that year rental period.

9. OTHER FEES

(a) Extention of mineral right (including plans) -

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| (i) Prospecting | \$500.00 |
| (ii) Mining | \$5,000.00 |

(b) Application for the approval of transfer or other dealing in mineral right -

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| (i) Prospecting | \$5,000.00 |
| (ii) In the case of mining | |

(c) Registration of agreement \$100.00

Lease as may be determined by the Director.

(d) Duplicate or certified copy of mineral right \$50.00

(e) Duplicate or certified copy of any document other than a mining tenement up to 5 pages (additional pages 50 cents each) \$60.00

- (f) Examination of Registers \$10.00
- (g) Filing agreements for compensation \$100.00

10. APPEALS AGAINST THE BOARDS'S
DECISION ON

- (1) Application for the following permits,
licences or lease -

- (a) Reconnaissance Permit \$1,000.00
- (b) Prospecting Licence \$3,000.00
- (c) Mining Lease \$6,000.00
- (d) Building Material Permit \$1,000.00
- (e) Special Site Right \$500.00
- (f) Alluvial Miners Permit \$20.00
- (g) Road Access Licence \$800.00
- (h) Gold Dealers Licence \$200.00

- (2) Application for extension and variation,
of the following licences or permits -

- (a) Reconnaissance Permit \$3,000.00
- (b) Prospecting Licence \$5,000.00
- (c) Mining Lease \$10,000.00
- (d) Building Material Permit \$1,200.00

- (e) Special Site Right \$550.00
 - (f) Road Access Licence \$850.00
- (3) Filing application for suspension, cancellation or termination of the following permits, licences or leases -
- (a) Reconnaissance Permit \$1,500.00
 - (b) Prospecting Licence \$3,500.00
 - (c) Mining Lease \$6,500.00
 - (d) Building Material Permit \$1,200.00
 - (e) Special Site Right \$550.00
 - (f) Alluvial Miners Permit \$50.00
 - (g) Road Access Licence \$800.00
 - (h) Gold Dealers Licence \$500.00"

Dated at Honiara this nineteenth day of February 1999.

WALTER NAEZON
Minister of Energy, Mines and Minerals

*L.N. 84/96.