



Mineral Titles *Information Update*

No. 12 – Renewal of Free Miner Certificates

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This Update contains important information for all clients, individual and corporate, intending to renew a Free Miner Certificate (FMC). Please read carefully—this could affect expiry of your claims.

NOTE: A valid FMC is required to register many events in Mineral Titles Online (MTO) including registration of exploration and development work and registration of payment instead of exploration and development work.

A Business BCeID activated in MTO with your FMC is required to logon to the system.

INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS

An individual client holding a FMC must renew his/her FMC online using MTO. This may be done by the client at any time.

EXCEPTION: A first-time senior client cannot renew online. An individual client, whether one holding a current FMC or an active client with a BCeID, who has **turned 65 since last renewing** his/her FMC, can **only renew the FMC at a Mineral Titles office, a Service BC office** (<http://www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca/locations/>) or a **FrontCounterBC office** (<http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/contact/>).

Staff must change the status of such an FMC from “Individual” to “Senior.” This means **the client must attend a government office during regular work hours in order to renew his/her FMC, or apply by mail if out-of-province.** If applying by mail, you must provide a photocopy of a birth certificate, driver’s license, or similar document that establishes your date of birth for proof of age.

Once a client over the age of 65 has acquired a senior FMC, future renewals may be completed online. It is only the first time “senior” FMC renewal that must be done in-person by staff.

In the event of a discrepancy between this information and the provisions in the *Mineral Tenure Act* and Regulation, the provisions in the statute and regulations will apply.

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CORPORATE CLIENTS

All corporate FMC renewals may be done online provided the information respecting provincial or extra-provincial registration of the corporation under the *Business Corporations Act* that was provided on the last FMC application has not changed.

If the corporate information respecting registration under the *Business Corporations Act* has changed, the corporate FMC cannot be renewed by the client, but must be done through a Mineral Titles office, a Service BC office or, a FrontCounterBC office. A photocopy of the documentation from the corporate registry office will be required to affect a Change of Name or Amalgamation.

For more information on a *Free Miner Certificate*, please review [Information Update No. 1](#)

For more information on *BCeID Registration for Mineral Titles clients*, please review [Information Update No. 15](#)