



Mineral Titles

Information Update

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Subdivision is the division of one cell claim into two or more cell claims. Under [Section 24.3 of the *Mineral Tenure Act*](#), a recorded holder of a cell claim that is comprised of two or more cells may subdivide the claim into two or more cell claims that are comprised of not less than one cell each. [Section 5.1 of the *Mineral Tenure Act Regulation*](#) sets out the following criteria for the subdivision of a cell claim:

- If there is more than one recorded holder of the original cell claim, each of the subdivided claims will be registered with the same percentages of interest for each holder as the original cell claim.
- Cells cannot be reduced or acquired through the subdivision process. The total number of cells held by the subdivided claims must equal the number of cells held by the original claim.
- A mineral claim may only be subdivided into mineral claims, and a placer claim may only be subdivided into placer claims.
- Upon registration of a subdivision, each subdivided claim is deemed to have been registered on the date the original cell claim was registered and acquires the same expiry date as the original claim.
- A subdivision cannot be registered on a cell claim that:
 - has an active lease application; or
 - has an active transfer of ownership (Bill of Sale Initiation).
- There is no fee for the registration of a subdivision event.

During the subdivision process, you will have the opportunity to provide claim names for each of the two new subdivided claims that are issued.

Exploration and development work that has been performed on the original claim prior to the registration of a subdivision event can be registered on the subdivided claims.

If a cell claim has multiple recorded holders, the individual registering the subdivision must be an authorized agent in Mineral Titles Online for the other recorded holders. Creating an agent and granting authorization is completed online using [Agent Profile Management](#). Recorded holders may wish to remove the subdivision authorization after the registration has been completed.

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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Any documents that have been registered against the original claim are not automatically carried forward to the subdivided claims. You may need to review and update any valid existing documents and register them on the subdivided claims for public record.

Please ensure that you understand all of the above conditions before registering a subdivision. **Once registered, a subdivision event cannot be cancelled.**

Email questions about the subdivision process to Mineral.Titles@gov.bc.ca. **It is strongly recommended that you obtain answers to any questions you may have before registering a subdivision.**