

Frequently Asked Questions: Coal Legislation

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1. Do I need a Free Miner's Certificate (FMC) to own Coal Titles or apply for coal titles?

No, there are no FMC requirements in the *Coal Act*.

2. Where do I find information on current Coal Titles in British Columbia?

Crown coal tenure is administered by the Mineral Titles Branch. You can access current coal titles by searching Mineral Titles Online (MTO). For information on how to perform searches, please refer to the [MTO Help Guide: Title Search](#).

3. How do I apply for coal titles?

Submit the following to the [Victoria Mineral Titles Branch](#) office, as per [Section 12 of the Coal Act](#):

1. **APPLICATION FORM:** Complete the [application form](#), available from our branch website.
2. **APPLICATION FEE:** Application fee of \$25.00 per license. Cheques are made payable to the Minister of Finance. (Note: The minimum size of an application is one unit and it is calculated at approximately 75 hectares)
3. **1st YEAR RENT FEE:** Payment of the estimated first years rent fee of \$7.00 per hectare.
4. **PLAN:** A boundary plan and description of the coal tenure application location.

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Mines & Mineral Resources Division
Ministry of Energy and Mines
PO Box 9322 STN PROV GOVT
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For questions regarding the completion of the application form, please Mineral Titles Branch at Mineral.Titles@gov.bc.ca or 1-866-616-4999.

4. What other conditions apply to the coal application?

Each coal licence or lease application must consist of one unit to a maximum of 20 adjoining units. Partial units are not applicable. For the purposes of an application and calculating the 1st years estimated rental for the size of a unit, use 75 hectares as an average for the Skeena Region, Omineca Region and Northeast Region and 85 hectares as an average for the West Coast Region, South Coast Region, Thompson/Okanagan Region and Northeast Region .

5. How do I fill out "Part 2 - Location" of the [Coal Licence application form](#)?

Description of Location: list the alpha-numeric description of each unit from the Petroleum and Natural Gas (PNG) grid. Coal units are specified to the 'unit' level and not the 'quarter unit' level.

Map Number: list the relevant NTS or BCGS map number(s).

Land District: list the appropriate land district(s).

Mining Division: list the appropriate mining division.

Hectares: estimate the hectares of all the units. For the purposes of an application, a unit is calculated at:

- 85 hectares as an average for the West Coast Region, South Coast Region, Thompson/Okanagan Region and Kootenay Boundary Region; or
- 75 hectares as an average for the Skeena Region, Omineca Region and Northeast Region.

6. Can a lien under the Builders Lien Act be registered on a coal title?

No, the [Builders Lien Act](#) does not allow for a claim of lien to be registered under the *Coal Act*.

7. How do I submit my Coal Assessment Report?

Section 8(1) of the *Coal Act* requires that all coal licensees and lessees submit technical reports pertaining to coal exploration activities on coal licenses and coal leases. Please review [Information Update No. 37](#) and the [Geoscience website](#) for detailed information on Coal Assessment Reporting.