



What does the time extension (protection) order do?

The time extension order has been applied automatically to all claims with good to/expiry dates before December 31, 2021, meaning no individual application for a time extension is required. Claims that have good to/expiry dates beyond December 31, 2021 are NOT subject to any time extension (protection).

Mineral & Placer Claims

- All mineral and placer claims that have a good to/expiry date before December 31, 2021 have been given extra time to register work or payment instead of work.
- Enough work or payment in lieu of work MUST be registered on or before December 31, 2021 to bring the good to/expiry date of the claim into good standing.
- Any claim that has not been brought into good standing by December 31, 2021 will forfeit, as its good to/expiry date will be in the past.

Under normal circumstances, physical or technical exploration work must be registered within one (1) year from the work stop date. The time extension order extends the one (1) year time limit to December 31, 2021. The order gives extra time beyond the one (1) year limit to register work or payment instead of work.

If you experience a problem with registering work that was completed beyond the one (1) time limit, please contact our office by email at Mineral.Titles@gov.bc.ca.

When work or payment in lieu of work is registered, it is applied from the existing good to/expiry date of the claim, even if it is in the past. The time extension order does not change the good to/expiry date of the claim. The good to/expiry date of the claim can only be updated by registering work or payment in lieu of work.

Mining & Placer Leases

- For mining and placer leases, the annual rental is normally due on the anniversary date of the lease.
- The time limit to pay annual lease rental for 2020 and 2021 is extended to December 31, 2021.

Note: If the term of a mining or placer lease is due to expire in 2020 or 2021, you are still required to register an application to extend the term of the lease, using [Mineral Titles Online Registry](#), before the term expiry date of the lease if you want the lease to continue.

The extension order does not change the term of a lease and does not extend the term expiry date.

Coal Licences & Coal Leases

- The time extension order extends the time limit to pay the annual rental on all coal licences and coal leases.



- The annual rental requirement for coal licences and leases for 2020 and 2021 has been extended to December 31, 2021.

Note: If the term of a coal lease is due to expire in 2020 or 2021, you are required to submit an application to extend the term of the lease to the [Mineral Titles Branch](#) before the term expiry date of the lease if you want the lease to continue.

The extension order does not change the term of a lease and does not extend the term expiry date.

New Claims

Any new claims that are registered between March 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020 will also be subject to a time extension to register work or pay cash in lieu to December 31, 2021.

Mineral Titles will be applying this order in the registry every two weeks as new claims are registered.

What does the time extension (protection) order NOT do?

- **The time extension order does not relieve the requirement to keep a claim in good standing from year to year by either registering work on the claim or paying in lieu of work.**

The extension order gives more time until December 31, 2021 to do this on claims that have expiry dates before this deadline.

Recorded holders of claims are still required to register work or payment in lieu of work on their protected claims on or before the time extension order expires on December 31, 2021. Failure to do so will result in the claim automatically forfeiting at midnight on December 31, 2021.

If you have registered work recently or if you intend to register work in the future, you are still required to submit your physical report within 30 days or technical report within 90 days if the work is technical work. Mineral Titles will continue to review reports in the same manner and notices for non-compliance will still be issued if work reports do not meet the requirements of the regulation or if no report is submitted after work is registered.

- **The extension order does not give extra time to submit work reports after work is registered on a claim.**

If you need extra time to submit your report, please make your request in writing to Mineral Titles and your request will be considered.

Once a time extended (protected) claim is past its good to/expiry date, you will NOT be able to subdivide the claim, amalgamate the claim, reduce the claim, convert the claim to a cell claim if it is a legacy claim, or initiate a bill of sale transfer to sell the claim, or apply for a lease. If you want to do any of these things, you will need to bring the claim into good standing by either registering work on the claim or payment in lieu of work.