



Mineral Titles *Information Update*

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An individual, a corporation or a partnership, must hold a valid Free Miner Certificate (FMC) in order to register a mineral title in their name, acquire a mineral title through completion of a Bill of Sale or, record exploration and development work or a payment instead of exploration and development work on that person's claim.

To acquire or renew an FMC, a person must meet the following qualifications:

INDIVIDUAL: You must be 18 years of age or older and ordinarily a resident of Canada for not less than 183 days in each calendar year, or be authorized by the federal government of Canada to work in Canada (proof of authorization must be provided). A Canadian citizen, regardless of where he/she resides, is authorized to work in Canada by virtue of their citizenship.

SENIOR: You must be 65 years of age and have the same qualifications as an individual.

CORPORATION: The corporation must be registered provincially or extra-provincially under the *Business Corporations Act* of British Columbia, or be a trust company registered under the *Financial Institutions Act* of British Columbia, an insurer licensed under the *Insurance Act* of British Columbia, or a chartered bank.

PARTNERSHIP: The partners must be individual and/or corporate persons that meet the respective requirements above and the partnership must also be registered in British Columbia under the *Partnership Act*.

A FMC is valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance. The fee for a FMC is:

Individual	\$25.00
Senior (65 years or older)	FREE
Corporation	\$500.00
Individual Partnership (all partners are individuals)	\$25.00
Corporation Partnership (one or more partners is a corporation)	\$500.00

A person who has not previously held a FMC may apply in person at any Service BC (<http://www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca/locations/>) or FrontCounter BC office (<http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/contact/>) or at the Mineral Titles Branch offices listed below.

A renewal of a FMC is registered online through the Mineral Titles Online system
<http://www.mtonline.gov.bc.ca/>

A Free Miner Certificate (FMC) gives you the right to:

- Acquire and maintain mineral and placer title;
- Access your title during exploration and development.

An FMC does not authorize you:

- To use an FMC for purposes other than activities directly related to mineral or placer exploration and mining;
- To use your title for residential or recreational purposes;
- To store or place any structure (cabin, greenhouse, garbage) on your title;
- To conduct any mining activity (exploration, road building) without approval from a Regional Mines Office;
- To hunt, fish or acquire or carry a firearm.

ANY OF THESE ACTIONS MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THE TITLE AND FMC AS PER THE MINERAL TENURE ACT

For more information on *Surface use by recorded holders of Mineral Titles*, please review [Information Update No. 4](#).

For more information on *Surface and Subsurface Rights and Responsibilities in British Columbia*, please review [Information Update No. 7](#)

For more information on *Renewal of a Free Miner Certificate*, please review [Information Update No. 12](#)