

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Does a free miner have the right to explore for jade?

Order in Council 242/2024 allows specific tenures to carry out jade mining activities in the closure area.

- [See Schedule 2: List of existing titles eligible to jade mine over the five year transition period \(PDF, 3.8MB\)](#)

Does a free miner have the right to explore for minerals or placer minerals other than jade?

Yes. A free miner has the right to explore for minerals or placer minerals other than jade. [Order in Council 242/2024](#) only impacts jade mining activities in the [order boundary](#).

What happens if jade is found as a by-product of mining?

The free miner is not permitted to remove the jade from the claim or sell the jade without a permit for jade.

What are the enhanced reclamation requirements?

[Order in Council 242-2024 \(PDF, 3.8MB\)](#) states the permit include at least the following.

A condition:

- Respecting progressive reclamation
- Imposing a limit on new disturbance to land, expressed as a number of square metres
- Respecting reporting on disturbance to land in the closure are and reporting on reclamation
- Requiring a qualified professional prepare the Reclamation and Closure Plan

The Ministry has developed [Proponent Guidance: Jade Transition Period \(PDF, 272.7KB\)](#). This guidance outlines the Notice of Work Application requirements and permit condition considerations.

Can I expand my claim?

No. [Order in Council 242-2024 \(PDF, 3.8MB\)](#) prohibits jade mining activities “outside the area of a listed mineral tenure.”

What will happen to my claim at the end of the closure date?

After April 1, 2030, the closure prohibits jade mining except for reclamation activities. Operators can mine for other placer or hard-rock minerals after the closure date.

- [See Schedule 1: Map of jade closure area \(PDF, 3.8MB\)](#)