

# Permitting Policy Agricultural Crown Land

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## A. Purpose

1. To enable vacant agricultural Crown lands normally held under long-term disposition (definable areas) to be used on a short-term basis until a long-term disposition or sale can be arranged.
2. To enable vacant agricultural Crown lands, with undefinable areas, to be used on a short-term basis.

## B. Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Actively manage the leased lands for agricultural purposes;
- Meet all requirements set out under *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*;
- Have legal access to the leased land or written agreements for crossing any adjacent lands;
- Have any existing accounts with the Ministry in an acceptable status;
- Complete the required application form and submit any supporting documentation that the Ministry requests; and
- In the case of a grazing or hay lease, have or will obtain a Premises Identification Number.

## C. Procedures: definable areas

Land which was posted for lease auction but not leased, land listed for auction but not sold, land recently surrendered or the lease was terminated, prohibiting disposition before the growing season, may be permitted on a short-term basis as follows:

1. Land available, including conditions of tender, will be advertised in the local area.
2. Issuance of a permit will depend on the acceptance of any special provisions and conditions with regard to land use.
3. Where land was advertised for permit by public tender, but no permit was issued, the land will be available for permit through the Land Management Specialist. A permit will be issued on a first come, first served basis to qualifying applicants.
4. The Ministry reserves the right to withdraw land from the listing at any time.
5. The Ministry will collect a separate cheque in the name of the rural municipality for taxes where land is permitted under this section.

## D. Procedures: undefinable areas

Permits may be issued on undefinable areas by the Land Management Specialist on a first come, first served basis, through advertisement where there is considerable interest, to the owner of the balance of the quarter, or on the basis of a long-established allocation.

1. The Land Management Specialist will do a reasonable estimate of the production for

the parcel and calculate the fee. This will be the rent for the year and no refund applications based on yield will be accepted.

2. Rural municipalities are not entitled to taxes for these permits.

#### **E. Procedures: special circumstances**

1. Permits may be issued by the Director in extenuating circumstances such as:
  - A new lease cannot be issued pending a Treaty Land Entitlement and Specific Claim selection; and
  - A lack of access precludes use by other than one individual.
2. Taxes will be the responsibility of the permittee.

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