



# The Mineral Sector



## Registration Fee

Claim.....\$ 100.00  
 Quarry.....\$ 100.00

## Transfer of Permit/Licence

Quarry Permit.....\$ 100.00  
 All Others.....\$ 250.00

## Rental

An annual rental of ten dollars BZ/US (\$10.00) per acre, bar, boats, etc, is charged for all mining or quarrying operations.

For an Exclusive Prospecting Licence the annual rental per acre is:

	LOCAL	FOREIGN
YEAR 1	BZ\$0.50	US\$0.50
YEAR 2	BZ\$0.70	US\$0.70
YEAR 3	BZ\$1.00	US\$1.00

For a Reconnaissance Licence the annual rental is:

	LOCAL	FOREIGN
YEAR 1	BZ\$0.25	US\$0.25
YEAR 2	BZ\$0.35	US\$0.35
YEAR 3	BZ\$0.50	US\$0.50

## Royalties Ex-mine value on: *Provided that:*

Government Land	3%	<i>Where royalties are outstanding, a late fee equivalent to one percent (1%) total value of outstanding royalties will be levied also, for each additional day after the date on which royalty was due.</i>
Private Land	2.5%	
Precious Minerals	5%	

*For information on the kind of activities that might be done before mining activities takes place and the corresponding application process, see Fact Sheet:*  
**+ PROSPECTING AND EXPLORATION**

*For information on the kind of activities that might be done in mining and the corresponding application process, see Fact Sheet:*  
**+MINING**

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Ministry of Natural Resources & Agriculture



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# FEE STRUCTURE

All fees quoted are for either an individual or company. If the individual/company is Local, fees are payable in Belize Dollars (BZ\$). If the individual/company is Foreign, the fees are payable in United States Dollars (US\$) or equivalent.

The Mineral Sector is governed by the Mines and Minerals Act, Chapter 226, Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003 and the associated Regulations: the Mines and Minerals (General) Regulations, and the Mines and Minerals (Safety, Health and Environmental) Regulations.

The Minister responsible for mines and minerals is the Honorable Gaspar Vega of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Agriculture. The Act and Regulations are administered by the Inspector of Mines, Michelle M. Alvarez.

The authorized government agency is the Mining Unit of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Mineral Rights available for application:

### 1. Quarry Permits - *Extraction of material below 16,000 cu.yds.*

**Quarry Permits** are issued by the Inspector of Mines and expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year. There are Quarry Permits, Registered Quarry Permits, Registered Artisanal Quarry Permits, and Non-Commercial Quarry Permits.

### 2. Mining Licences - *Extraction of materials greater than 16,000 cu.yds.*

**Mining Licences** are awarded by the Minister and have a duration tied to the estimated life of the deposit or a maximum of twenty (20) years.

### 3. Prospecting Licences - *Non-Exclusive and Reconnaissance*

**Non-exclusive Prospecting Licences** are awarded by the Inspector of Mines, have a duration of one (1) year and allow for non-invasive prospecting in all districts identified in the licence. Proper resource consents must be obtained prior to each prospecting mission.

**Reconnaissance Licences** are awarded by the Minister and have a duration of one (1) year. They allow for non-invasive exploration inclusive of surface sampling. They have a maximum area of fifty square kilometers (50 km<sup>2</sup>).

### 4. Exploration Licences - *Exclusive Prospecting Licences*

**Exclusive Prospecting Licences** are awarded by the Minister and have a duration of three (3) years. They allow for detailed prospecting inclusive of trenching, coring test pitting and subsurface sampling. They have a maximum area of twenty-five square kilometers (25 km<sup>2</sup>).

## APPLICATION FEE

Non-Exclusive Prospecting Licence.....	\$ 10.00
Claim Licence.....	\$ 25.00
Quarry Permit/Registered Quarry .....	\$ 10.00
Registered Artisanal Quarry Permit.....	\$ 10.00
Non-Commercial Quarry Permit.....	\$ 50.00
Reconnaissance Licence.....	\$ 25.00
Exclusive Prospecting Licence .....	\$ 50.00
Mining Licence.....	\$ 100.00
Mineral Export Licence.....	\$ 50.00

Reserved Minerals Licence, Mineral.....\$ 50.00  
Export Licence, and for all others not specifically mentioned herein

## ANNUAL PERMIT & LICENSE FEES

Non-Exclusive Prospecting Licence	\$ 50.00
Claim Licence	\$ 300.00
Non-Commercial Quarry Permit	\$ 25.00
Quarry Permit/Registered Quarry:	
0-5,000 cu.yds.	\$ 500.00
5,000-10,000 cu.yds.	\$ 700.00
10,000-16,000 cu.yds.	\$ 1,000.00
Registered Artisanal Quarry:	
0-5,000 cu.yds.	\$ 250.00
5,000-10,000 cu.yds.	\$ 350.00
10,000-16,000 cu.yds.	\$ 500.00
Reconnaissance Licence	\$ 250.00
Exclusive Prospecting Licence	\$ 300.00
Mining Licence	\$ 500.00
Mineral Dealer's Licence	\$ 1,000.00
Mineral Export Licence	\$ 500.00