Overview of Quartz Permitting Process

How to acquire and maintain Mineral Tenure on Commissioner’s Land for quartz mining

How to operate as a Class 2

How to obtain a Class 3 or Class 4 Quartz Exploration Program Approval

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How to obtain a Land Use Permit

YESAB Designated Office Evaluation Process
- May be referred to YESAB Executive Committee Screening Process.

YESAB Executive Committee Screening Process

How to acquire and maintain Mineral Tenure on Commissioner's Land for quartz mining

Prospecting
- Anyone age 18 or older may enter available land and locate the claim for mining purposes.

Mineral Claim(s)
- Parcel of land granted for quartz (hard rock) mining.
- Claim size 1,500' x 1,500'.
- Fractional claim is a plot of ground lying between and bounded on opposite sides by previously located claims and is less than 1,500' x 1,500' in size.

Determine available land.
- Review claim maps.
- Identify withdrawn areas.

Review Staking Guidelines.
- Contact the district Mining Recorder Office (MRO) if any questions.
- Consult the Quartz staking guide and the Quartz maps.

Purchase Claim Tags.

Stake the Claim(s).

Record the Claim(s).
- Submit full or fractional application form, fees and sketch to MRO within 30 days.

Approve — Claims granted and issued.

Assessment work on claim(s). (within one year or payment in lieu)
- Any land-based access to claim may require a Land Use Permit.
- Refer to Land Use Permit Application chart.
- Determine what permits may be required. Refer to the How to obtain a Land Use Permit chart.

Mining Recorder assesses claim application(s).

Note — Apply for a Grouping Certificate, if applicable.
- Up to 750 contiguous claims can be grouped, allowing work performed to be distributed to any or all claims in the group.

Option 1:
Complete the Application for Certificate of Work renewal form.
- Applicant may be required to complete and submit assessment report(s).
- Check Schedule of Representation work.

Option 2:
Pay $100 per year per claim in lieu of work.
- Payment must be made by expiry date.

Renew claim(s)?

YES

Lapsing Mineral Claim(s).
- Work not performed.
- Payment in lieu not made.
- Claim(s) automatically lapses when not renewed.
- All worksites to be reclaimed (claim holder retains liability).

NO

How to Operate as a Class 2 Program
dimed Class 1 Program proceeds subject to operating conditions.

■ Any land-based access to claim may require a Land Use Permit.
■ Refer to the How to Obtain a Land Use Permit chart.

Contact with affected First Nations recommended.

YESAB DO completes an Evaluation Report which includes a recommendation.
■ Report sent to Government of Yukon Decision Body and other Decision Bodies.

Government of Yukon issues a Decision Document to accept, vary or reject the recommendation.

Any additional mitigation identified in the Decision Document must be included and agreed to by the applicant in their Class 2 notification.

Notification officially entered into mining lands public register.

Chief, Mining Land Use decision to accept or reject notification (within 25 days).

Proponent proceeds with exploration program.

How to obtain a Class 3 or Class 4 Quartz Exploration Program Approval

Contact Mining Lands Officer (MLO) to:
- Ensure program is within threshold limits.
- Ensure information provided is complete.
- Complete Application Form.
- Describe the proposed work and outline reclamation and proposed mitigation work.
- Submit Application Form to MLO with fees.

It is highly recommended that the proponent contact affected First Nations in area to discuss program.

MLO determines if application is subject to YESAA thresholds.

Contact YESAB Designated Office (DO).

Complete and submit YESAA Form 1.

YESAB DO determines if proposal is adequate.

YES

YESAB begins environmental and socio-economic assessment.

Notice of assessment is published for public comments.

Period of public comment.

Contact with affected First Nations recommended.

YESAB DO completes an Evaluation Report which includes a recommendation:
- Report sent to Government of Yukon Decision Body and other Decision Bodies.

Government of Yukon issues a Decision Document to accept, vary or reject the recommendation.

Proponent proceeds with exploration program.

YES

NO

YESAB DO determines if proposal is adequate.

YES

Clarification and additional information may be requested by the YESAB DO.

NO

Program deemed Class 1 — Program proceeds subject to operating conditions.

How to obtain a Quartz Mining License
YESAB Designated Office Evaluation Process

Contact regulators at EMR Mineral Resources Branch (MRB) for preliminary discussions.
- Identify regulatory requirements.
- Government of Yukon will work with proponent and YESA Board (YESAB) on integrated assessment and regulatory requirements.
- Government of Yukon may assign a project coordinator to assist in the process.
- Proponent in ongoing consultations with affected First Nations. These consultations will continue throughout the life of the project.

Contact and meet with YESAB Designated Office (DO).
- Discuss the project.
- Identify YESAA requirements, process and timelines.

Submit proposal to YESAB DO.
- Send copy to EMR MRB regulators.
- Continue to liaise with EMR MRB regulators.

YESAB DO determines if proposal is adequate.

YES

YESAB DO begins environmental and socio-economic assessment.

Notice of assessment is published for public comments.

Period of public comment.

Contact with affected First Nations recommended.

YESAB DO completes an Evaluation Report which includes a recommendation.
- Report sent to Government of Yukon Decision Body and other Decision Bodies.

Clarification and additional information may be requested by YESAB DO.

NO

Government of Yukon issues a Decision Document to either accept or reject the recommendation.
- Government of Yukon approves or rejects the application.

Government of Yukon may require additional plans be submitted prior to issuing Quartz Mining License (QML).

Approved — Quartz Mining License (QML) issued.
- Project proceeds based on terms and conditions of QML.
- Security to cover existing liability is required on mining project prior to commencement of development.

Reject — Proponent notified.

How to obtain a Quartz Mining License

YESAB Executive Committee Screening Process

Contact and meet with YESAB Executive Committee (EC).
- Discuss the project and consultation requirements.
- Identify YESAA requirements, process and timelines.
- YESAB EC publishes a notice requesting comments from the public.
- Draft Screening Report prepared which includes a recommendation.
- YESAB EC completes a Screening Report which includes a recommendation, terms and conditions.
  - Report sent to Government of Yukon Decision Body and other Decision Bodies.

Submit proposal to YESAB EC.
- YESAB EC determines if proposal is adequate.
- Clarification and additional information may be requested by YESAB EC.

YESAB EC.
- Prepares a scoping document based on the proposal.
- Scope can be modified.
- Technical Committee may be struck.
  - May be composed of Government of Yukon, First Nations and federal government representatives and/or others.

YESAB EC determines if proposal is adequate.
- Period of public comment.
  - Clarification and additional information may be requested by YESAB EC.
  - Additional period of public comment.

Government of Yukon decision body accepts or refers recommendations back to YESAB EC.
- Government of Yukon issues a Decision Document to either accept or reject the recommendation.
  - Government of Yukon approves or rejects the application.

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Approved — Quartz Mining License (QML) issued.


Legend
- Proponent Actions
- Government Actions
- YESAB Actions
- Yukon Water Board Actions
How to obtain a Land Use Permit
YESAB Designated Office Evaluation Process
A Land Use Permit may be necessary to access claims

Submit Land Use Permit Application Form to Land Management Branch.

Applicant directed to YESAB Designated Office (DO).

Complete and submit YESAA Form 1 and copy of Land Use Application form to YESAB DO.

YESAB DO determines if proposal is adequate.

YESAB DO begins environmental and socio-economic assessment.

Notice of assessment is published for public comments.

Period of public comment.

Contact with affected First Nations recommended.

YESAB DO completes an Evaluation Report which includes a recommendation.
  ▪ Report sent to Government of Yukon Decision Body.

Government of Yukon issues a Decision Document to either accept or reject the recommendation.
  ▪ Government of Yukon approves or rejects the application.

Approved — Land Use Permit issued.
  ▪ Project proceeds subject to terms and conditions.

Reject — Proponent notified.