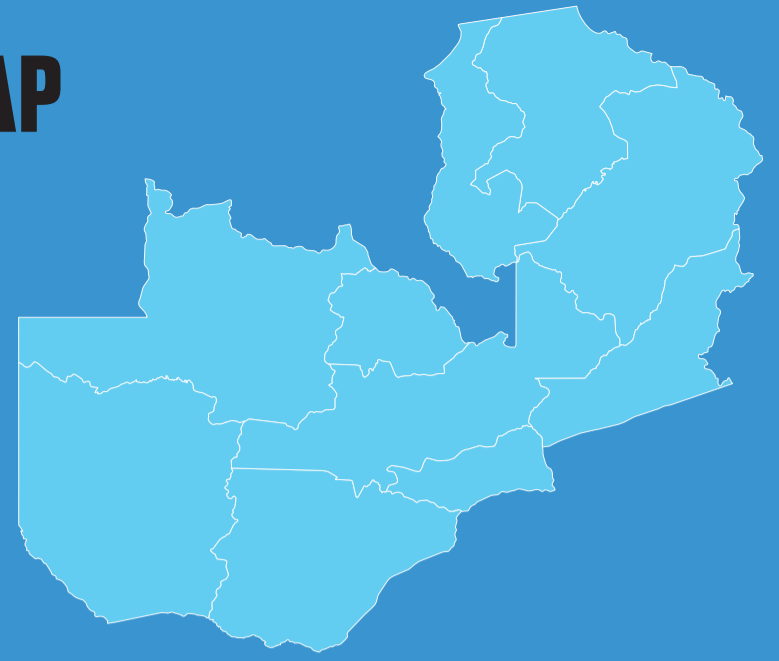


MINING LICENCE PROCESS MAP

ZAMBIA

**LICENCE:**

EXPLORATION & MINING

RESOURCE TYPE:

ALL MINERALS
[EXCL: OIL & GAS]

SCALE:

SMALL & LARGE-SCALE
[INCL: ARTISINAL]

ACTORS:

Applicant
(Explorer or Miner)



Minister of Mines and Mineral Development



Mining Cadastre



Director of Mining Cadastre



Mining Licensing Committee
(Comprises members appointed by the Minister of Mines and Mineral Development, as prescribed)

This map describes the process of awarding small and large-scale exploration licences, artisanal mining licences, and small and large-scale mining rights (licences). The national government processes and awards all mining exploration and extraction licences. While applications may be filed with regional Mining Cadastre offices; all applications are sent to the Mining Cadastre in the capital Lusaka.

The most important law that prescribes the awarding of mining licences, awards and contracts is the Mines and Minerals Development Act of 2015. The Ministry of Mines and Mineral Development through the Mining Cadastre is responsible for processing and administering mining licences.

Mineral resource ownership is vested in the President on behalf of the nation regardless of who owns the land or has an interest in the land where minerals are found. All land can be considered for mining provided written consent is obtained from relevant authorities or representatives or persons. Mining actors need to gain the consent of local authorities, the chief and/or the landowner (surface rights holder) in the area they intend to explore or mine.

Before lodging an application, the mining applicant must submit an Environmental Impact Assessment, and have it approved by the Zambia Environmental Management Agency. Community consultation mainly occurs during this process.

Mining licences' validity depend on the scale of mining. Artisanal mining licences are valid for up to two years; small and large-scale exploration licences for four years; small-scale mining licences for up to 10 years; and large-scale mining licences for up to 25 years. Mining actors may apply to the Mining Cadastre for a renewal.



EXPLORATION & EXPLOITATION

STEPS:**ACTORS:**

1 CHECK LAND IS AVAILABLE

The applicant (a company or an individual) checks that the area they intend to explore or mine is available on the Mining Cadastre Map Portal.



2 LODGE APPLICATION

The applicant prepares documents for the application, including: the proposed programme of mining operations, which should be compliant with the decision letter approved by Zambia Environmental Management Agency regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment; tax clearance certification; shareholder documentation etc.



- 2.1 The applicant submits a hardcopy application to the Mining Cadastre through the Mining Rights Registry (located within the Cadastre).

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30-90
DAYS



- 2.2 Upon submitting the application, the applicant must pay the prescribed fees, which vary depending on the type of exploration or mining licence (artisanal, small or large-scale).



3 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

The Mining Rights Registry opens a hardcopy file for the application and forwards it to the Licensing Office, also within the Mining Cadastre. The Licensing Office checks whether the proposed mining area is available or not, and ensures the principle of 'first come, first served' is followed.



- 3.1 The Mining Cadastre Licensing Office forwards the application to a technical evaluator within the Cadastre.



- 3.2 The Mining Cadastre Licensing Office submits the hardcopy application file along with their recommendations to the Mining Licensing Committee.



4 ASSESSMENT

The Mining Licensing Committee evaluates the application based on set criteria and in reference to the Mining Cadastre's recommendations.



Applications for exploration licences are assessed within 60 days of receipt of application. Applications for mining licences are assessed within 90* days of receipt of the application. (*The number of days vary depending on the scale of mining proposed – from 30 days for artisanal mining to 90 days large-scale mining)



- 4.1 The Director of the Mining Cadastre may conduct further investigations to assess if the applicant has met the set criteria.



5 LICENCE APPROVAL

The Mining Licence Committee informs the applicant of acceptance or rejection.



5.1 ACCEPT

If accepted and approved by the Chairperson of the Licensing Committee, the Committee sends the documents to the Mining Cadastre to prepare an offer letter notifying the applicant of the conditions of offer and area charges.



5.2 REJECT

If the application is rejected, the Director of the Mining Cadastre writes to the applicant outlining the reasons for rejection.



5.2.1 APPEAL

The applicant can appeal to the Minister of Mines and Mineral Development or to the Mining Appeals Tribunal within 30 days.



The Minister can overturn a decision or reject the advice of the Mining Licence Committee and issue the Committee with a written statement with the reasons for this decision.



- 5.3 The applicant accepts the conditions in the offer and pays the area charges.

The area charges vary depending on scale of exploration or mining.



- 5.4 The Director of the Mining Cadastre signs and awards the mining licence.



6 EXPLORATION OR EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES CAN COMMENCE