NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

CROWN LANDS REGULATIONS

As in force at 18 March 2003

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This reprint shows the Regulations as in force at 18 March 2003. Any amendments that commence after that date are not included.

CROWN LANDS REGULATIONS

Regulations under the Crown Lands Act

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Crown Lands Regulations*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Crown Lands Act 1992*.

3 Repeal

The *Crown Lands Regulations* in force immediately before the commencement of these Regulations are repealed.

4 Interpretation

(1) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

agent means a person duly appointed in writing by a person to act as that person's representative.

applicant means a person who has made an application under the Act.

cattle includes camels, horses, asses, mules, bullocks, cows, bulls, and foals and calves over 6 months old.

grazing licence means a licence under section 88 of the Act.

lease means a lease under the Act.

licence means a licence under the Act.

miscellaneous licence means a licence under section 91 of the Act.

occupation licence means a licence under section 90 of the Act.

stock includes cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.

(2) A reference in these Regulations to a form by number is a reference to a form so numbered in the Schedule.

Part 2 Leases generally

Division 1 Lands available for leasing

5 Rental for first period of lease

Where the Minister determines under section 28(1) of the Act that no rent is payable in respect of the first 10 years of a lease the Minister may also determine, for the purposes of section 50 of the Act, that the lease is a lease subject to reappraisement of rent and that that section shall apply as if the Minister had fixed rent payable in respect of the first 10 years of the lease.

6 Rent payable pending reappraisal

Where, under section 50 of the Act, the reappraisal of rent payable under a lease has been deferred, rent in respect of the lease, if any, shall continue to be payable at the same rate as was payable during the immediately preceding 10 year period of the lease until the reappraisal, notwithstanding that that 10 year period has expired.

7 Land not leased to be advertised again

Any Crown land that has been advertised in the *Gazette* as available for leasing and that is not the subject of a grant of a lease by the Minister shall remain open for leasing as so advertised unless withdrawn or again advertised by notice in the *Gazette* setting out the conditions for leasing.

Division 2 Execution and commencement of leases

8 Commencement of lease

Subject to a specific provision contained in a lease, a lease commences on the date of its registration by the Registrar-General.

9 Covenants of lease under section 5 of Act

A lease granted under section 5 of the Act shall contain the following covenants, conditions and provisions:

- (a) a covenant for the prompt payment of the rent reserved by the lease;
- (b) a condition that the lessee will pay all rates, charges and assessments made, levied, imposed or issued in respect of the leased land whether those rates, charges or assessments are payable at law by the lessee or by the Territory;
- (c) a covenant for the maintenance and delivery up of the premises in good and tenantable repair, fair wear and tear and damage by fire, flood, lightning, storm, tempest and earthquake excepted;
- (d) a covenant that the lessee will not assign, sublet or underlease the premises without the consent of the Minister; and
- (e) a provision for the determination of the lease on 14 days notice.

Division 3 Payment for improvements

10 Insurance of improvements

- (1) Where the lessee is allowed to pay for improvements by instalments, it is a covenant of his or her lease that the lessee insures from the commencement of the lease, and keeps insured until he or she has made payment in full for the improvements, in the full value thereof against fire, storm, flood or other event, with an insurance office approved by the Minister, all such improvements which are liable to be destroyed or damaged.
- (2) Any such insurance shall be in the joint names of the lessee and the Minister.
- (3) The lessee shall lodge the policy of every such insurance with the Minister within 30 days after the issue thereof.
- (4) The lessee shall forward to the Minister the receipts for the premiums payable in respect of every such policy within 30 days after they are due.
- (5) All sums of money received under any such insurance shall be laid out in reinstating the improvements in respect of which the insurance is received.

Division 4 Surrender of leases

11 Surrender of leases

The surrender of a lease or part thereof shall be made in accordance with Form 1 and shall be forwarded to the Minister, together with the prescribed fee, for acceptance by the Minister.

12 Lodging of surrender with Registrar-General

On acceptance of a surrender of a lease, or part of a lease, the Minister shall cause the form of surrender to be lodged with the Registrar-General for registration.

13 Amended plan where lease partly surrendered

When a lease has been partly surrendered the Minister shall cause to be prepared a new plan delineating the amended boundaries of the lease and shall cause a copy of that plan to be lodged with the Registrar-General for registration under the *Land Title Act*.

Part 3 Licences

Division 1 Grazing licences

14 Application for grazing licences

- (1) An application for a grazing licence shall be made in writing to the Minister and shall be signed by either the applicant or his or her agent.
- (2) An application for a grazing licence shall set out:
 - (a) the full name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) the occupation of the applicant; and
 - (c) the situation, description and area of land in respect of which the application is made.
- (3) An applicant shall forward with his or her application:
 - (a) the prescribed application fee; and
 - (b) the amount payable as rent under subregulation (4).
- (4) The amount payable as rent shall be \$500 for the 12 month period of the licence commencing on the day on which the grazing licence is issued pursuant to regulation 19.

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Power of Minister to approve application

- (1) Where a person applies for a grazing licence the Minister may:
 - (a) approve the application;
 - (b) refuse the application; or
 - (c) return the application for amendment in such manner as specified by the Minister.
- (2) If an application referred to in subregulation (1)(c) is amended in the manner so specified and returned to the Minister, the Minister shall approve the application.

16 Conditions of grazing licence

Where the Minister approves an application for a grazing licence, the Minister:

- (a) shall include a condition in the licence prescribing the maximum number and type of stock which may be depastured on the land in respect of which the licence is granted; and
- (b) may include any other conditions in the licence which the Minister may think necessary or desirable in any particular case.

17 Notice of approval or refusal of application

- (1) Where the Minister approves or refuses an application for a grazing licence, the Minister shall forthwith notify the applicant in writing accordingly.
- (2) The Minister shall, when notifying an applicant under subregulation (1) that his or her application for a grazing licence has been approved, specify in the notification the conditions referred to in regulation 16.

18 Right of applicant on receipt of notice that application granted

- (1) Where an applicant receives a notice under regulation 17 that his or her application has been approved the applicant is entitled, subject to the conditions set out in the notice, to graze stock on the land in respect of which the application was made.
- (2) A person who commences to graze stock on the land in accordance with subregulation (1) shall be deemed to have accepted a licence upon the conditions set out in the notice.

19 Issue of grazing licence

- (1) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the Minister has notified the applicant that his or her application has been approved, issue to the applicant a grazing licence.
- (2) A grazing licence shall:
 - (a) be in a form approved by the Minister;
 - (b) specify the conditions of the licence; and
 - (c) be for a period of 12 months as specified on the licence.

20 Applicant may not accept conditions

Subject to regulation 18(2), an applicant may, within 30 days after the date of receipt of a notification under regulation 17(1) that his or her application has been approved, inform the Minister in writing that he or she is not prepared to accept a grazing licence which includes all or any of the conditions set out in the notification, and his or her application shall, on receipt of the notice, be deemed to have been withdrawn.

21 Refund of rent after application refused or withdrawn

Where an application for a grazing licence is refused or withdrawn, the amount of the first year's rent lodged with the application shall be refunded to the applicant.

22 Minister's power to forfeit grazing licence

- (1) Where the holder of a grazing licence has failed to comply with a condition of the licence, the Minister may:
 - (a) by notice in writing to the holder of the licence, direct him or her to comply with the conditions of the licence:
 - (i) forthwith; or
 - (ii) within a period specified in the notice; or
 - (b) by notice published in the *Gazette*, forfeit the licence.
- (2) If the holder of a grazing licence fails to comply with a notice under subregulation (1)(a) the Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, forfeit the licence.

23 Surrender of grazing licence

- (1) The holder of a grazing licence may, by notice in writing, surrender the licence in respect of the land, or a part of the land, the subject of the licence.
- (2) Where a licence is surrendered under subregulation (1):
 - (a) compensation for improvements (if any) on the land; or
 - (b) a refund of any fee or rental,

is not payable to the person who held the surrendered licence.

24 Renewal of grazing licence

- (1) A grazing licence may, at the discretion of the Minister, be renewed from time to time for a period not exceeding 12 months.
- (2) The holder of a grazing licence may make application for renewal of the licence at any time within 30 days before the date of the expiry of the licence.
- (3) An application for the renewal of a grazing licence shall be accompanied by the prescribed renewal fee and the amount payable as rent under regulation 14(4).
- (4) The Minister may approve an application for the renewal of a grazing licence upon the same conditions as those to which the original licence was subject or upon other conditions or may refuse the application.
- (5) For the purposes of regulations 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, an application for the renewal of a grazing licence shall be deemed to be an application for a grazing licence.
- (6) An official receipt showing the amount of the renewal fee payable in pursuance of subregulation (3) and the total amount of the rent payable for the whole period of the renewal shall be sufficient proof that the licence has been renewed.

25 Holder of grazing licence may apply for grant of further licence

- (1) The holder of a grazing licence may:
 - (a) re-apply for the grant of a further licence in respect of the land, or part of the land, the subject of his or her licence; or
 - (b) apply for the grant of a further licence in respect of land which includes the land the subject of his or her licence,

at any time, but not sooner than 30 days before the date of the expiry of that licence.

(2) Where the Minister approves an application for the grant of a licence referred to in subregulation (1), the Minister may include in that licence the same conditions as in the former licence or other conditions.

Division 2 Occupation licences

26 Conditions of occupation licence

Subject to the Act and these Regulations, an occupation licence may be granted on such conditions as the Minister considers necessary or desirable and are specified in the licence.

27 Applications for occupation licences

An application for an occupation licence shall be made in writing to the Minister, shall be signed by the applicant or his or her agent, and shall set out:

- (a) the full name and address of the applicant;
- (b) the occupation of the applicant;
- (c) a description of the area in respect of which the application is made; and
- (d) the purpose for which the licence is required.

28 Procedure on application

- (1) Where a person applies for an occupation licence the Minister may:
 - (a) approve the application;
 - (b) refuse the application; or
 - (c) return the application for amendment in such manner as specified by the Minister.
- (2) If an application referred to in subregulation (1)(c) is amended in the manner so specified and returned to the Minister, the Minister shall approve the application.
- (3) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the Minister has approved an application, issue to the applicant an occupation licence in respect of the application.

29 Land to be used for purpose specified in licence

The land included in an occupation licence shall be used only for the purposes for which it is granted.

30 Grazing of stock

It is a condition of an occupation licence that the holder of the licence shall not graze stock on the land included in the licence except where the Minister, being of the opinion that the grazing of a number of stock is necessary to carry out the purposes of the licence, has granted prior permission in writing to graze that number of stock to the holder of the licence and he or she acts in accordance with the permission.

31 Area included in licence

The Minister may, in his or her discretion, fix the area to be included in an occupation licence.

32 Term of occupation licence

- (1) Subject to this Division, the initial period of an occupation licence shall be 12 months.
- (2) The licence may from time to time be extended, but so that the total period of the licence shall not exceed 5 years.

33 Erection of buildings etc.

- (1) It is a condition of an occupation licence that the holder of the licence shall not erect or set up on the land included in the licence any building, machinery, equipment or other improvement except where the Minister, being of the opinion that such an improvement is necessary for the purposes of the licence, has granted prior permission in writing to him or her to do so.
- (2) The permission of the Minister referred to in subregulation (1) may be subject to such terms as the Minister thinks fit in relation to the taking down, removal and carrying away of the building, machinery, equipment or other improvement and the payment or otherwise of an amount to the holder of the licence as compensation for such an improvement not capable of being taken down, removed or carried away or which the Minister does not permit to be taken down, removed or carried away.

34 Commencement of licence

An occupation licence shall commence on the day on which the licence is issued.

35 Forfeiture of licence

Where a holder of a licence fails to comply with any term or condition of his or her licence, the Minister may inform the holder of the licence of such default and the licence shall thereupon be and become forfeited.

36 Inspection of licences

Every holder of an occupation licence shall, when requested to do so, produce his or her licence for inspection to the Minister and a holder of a licence who refuses to produce his or her licence when required under this regulation shall be liable to have that licence cancelled.

37 Form of occupation licence

An occupation licence shall be in accordance with Form 2.

Division 3 Miscellaneous licences

38 Applications for miscellaneous licences

An application for a miscellaneous licence shall be made in writing to the Minister and shall set out:

- (a) the full name and address of the applicant;
- (b) the occupation of the applicant;
- (c) a description of the area applied for; and
- (d) the purpose for which the licence is required,

and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

39 Procedure on application

- (1) Where a person makes an application for a miscellaneous licence the Minister may:
 - (a) approve the application;
 - (b) refuse the application; or
 - (c) return the application for amendment as specified by the Minister.

- (2) If the application referred to in subregulation (1)(c) is amended in the manner so specified and returned to the Minister, the Minister shall approve the application.
- (3) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the Minister has approved an application, issue to the applicant a miscellaneous licence in respect of the application.

40 Location of licensee on land

It is a condition of a miscellaneous licence that the holder of the licence shall not locate himself or herself on the land to which the licence relates except where the Minister, being of the opinion that location on the land is necessary to carry out the purpose of the licence, has granted prior permission in writing to the holder of the licence to do so and he or she acts in accordance with the permission.

41 Period of licence

Miscellaneous licences may be granted for terms of 3, 6 or 12 months, and shall commence on the day on which the licence is issued.

42 Production of miscellaneous licence

Where the Minister requires the holder of a miscellaneous licence to produce the licence to the Minister the holder of the licence shall forthwith produce the licence in accordance with the requirement.

43 Employment of labour

It is a condition of a miscellaneous licence that the holder of the licence may not employ labour for the purposes of the licence except where he or she issues a certificate in accordance with Form 3 to each employee, and forwards to the Minister a duplicate of the certificate.

44 Only material mentioned to be removed

The holder of a miscellaneous licence may take and remove from the land included in his or her licence only that substance or material for which the licence is issued.

45 Return of material taken under miscellaneous licence

The Minister may require the holder of a miscellaneous licence to furnish a return in such form and at such times as the Minister thinks fit setting forth the amount of material taken from the land included in the licence.

46 Royalties

The Minister may determine a royalty on the material removed from the land to which a miscellaneous licence relates, and the amount of the royalty, if any, and the time and place of payment shall be specified in the licence.

47 Refusal of miscellaneous licence when royalty fixed

Where a royalty is determined under regulation 46 in respect of a miscellaneous licence, the holder of the licence may refuse to accept the licence and the Minister shall, upon that refusal, refund to the holder of the licence the fee paid by him or her in respect of the licence.

48 Minister's power to forfeit miscellaneous licence

Where the holder of a miscellaneous licence has failed to comply with:

- (a) a condition of the licence; or
- (b) a requirement of, or under, this Division,

the Minister may, by notice in writing to the holder specifying the failure, forfeit the licence.

49 Form of miscellaneous licence

A miscellaneous licence shall be in accordance with Form 4.

Part 4 Estates in fee simple

50 Application by lessee for grant in fee simple

- (1) An application by a lessee for the grant of an estate in fee simple in the whole or a part of the land comprised in his or her lease shall be made in writing to the Minister in accordance with Form 5 or 6, as the case may be.
- (2) An estate in fee simple in part only of a lease referred to in subregulation (1) shall not be granted until the land is surveyed at the applicant's expense.

51 Action by Minister on receipt of application

On receipt of an application under regulation 50 for a grant in fee simple, the Minister shall cause an inspection to be made of the area applied for and decide whether the application should be approved or refused or approved in an amended form.

Where land is available for purchasing

- (1) Where the Minister advertises that an estate in fee simple in Crown land is available for purchase, the Minister shall specify in the advertisement the conditions of the purchase including the amount of the deposit to be paid.
- (2) A person who makes application to the Minister to purchase an estate in fee simple advertised as available for purchase shall pay the deposit specified in the advertisement to the Minister at the time he or she makes the application.
- (3) Where the Minister does not accept a persons application to purchase referred to in subregulation (2), the amount of the deposit shall be refunded to that person.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

Witnesses' expenses

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person who is summoned by the Minister as a witness under section 98 of the Act shall be paid the same fees and expenses as that person would be entitled to receive had he or she been summoned as a witness to appear before the Supreme Court.
- (2) An employee within the meaning of the *Public Sector Employment* and *Management Act* shall not be entitled to payment under this regulation unless that employee is on leave of absence on the day on which he or she gives evidence.

54 Calculation of stock carried on land

In calculating the number of stock carried on any land, 5 head of sheep shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be reckoned as one head of cattle.

56 Prescribed form for purpose of section 10

For the purposes of section 10 of the Act, a form lodged under that section shall be in accordance with Form 7.

Schedule

FORM 1

	regulation 11
NORTHE	ERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
	Crown Lands Act
;	SURRENDER OF LEASE
I/WE,*	,
being the holder of +	Lease No.
due by me/us under the s lease (or if part only surre	ands Act, and having paid all rent and other moneys said lease, hereby surrender the whole of the said endered the lease to the extent to which it relates to tained in the said lease described in the Schedule
Dated	19 .
Witness(es) Lessee(s)	
* Here insert name	and address of lessee(s)
+ Here insert class	of lease
	SCHEDULE
Recommended for accepta	ance
I accept the surrender of the	ne lease
Minister	

regulation 37

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Crown Lands Act

OCCUPATION LICENCE No.
Licence to occupy Crown lands for the purpose of
Whereas of applied for a licence to occupy Crown lands for the purpose of :
Now, therefore, in pursuance of the <i>Crown Lands Act</i> the said is hereby licensed to occupy for the said purpose for a period of 12 months commencing on the day of
, 19 the Crown lands situate comprising an area of subject to the provisions of the said Act, the Regulations thereunder and the conditions (if any) specified hereunder.
Dated the day of , 19 .
Minister

regulation 43

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Crown Lands Act

EMPLOYEE'S CERTIFICATE

This	is to certify that (Christian and surname in full), of (postal address),
s employe	d by
o	in pursuance of Miscellaneous Licence No. dated the
day of	, 19 , under the provisions of the <i>Crown Lands Regulations</i> .
	Employer

regulation 49

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Crown Lands Act

MISCELLANEOUS LICENCE No.

Licence to go upon Crown lands and take therefrom

Whereas Crown lands (an therefrom .	_		a licence to lands) and	· .
Now, therefore, in p is hereby licensed reserved lands) situ comprising an area substance or article 19 to the and the Regulations	to go upon the pate of a during the perioday of 19	e Crown lands (a	nd/or dedicate om the aboven of	nentioned
Dated the	day of	, 19 .		
				 Minister

regulation 50

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Crown Lands Act

APPLICATION	FOR GRANT IN	FEE SIMPLE	OF THE WH	HOLE OF A L	EASE
I/WE,*					

the holder of +

Register

Volume Folio , granted under having observed and performed all the covenants and conditions contained in the said recited lease do hereby in pursuance of the provisions of the *Crown Lands Act* apply for a grant in fee simple of the whole of the lands included in the above recited lease.

Dated at this day of , 19 .

Witness(es)

Signature of Lessee(s).

Minister

- * Insert name, occupation and address of lessee(s).
- + Insert description of lease.

MINISTER'S DECISION UNDER REGULATION 51

regulation 50

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Crown Lands Act

APPLICATION FOR GRANT IN FEE SIMPLE OF PART OF A LEASE

I/WE,* the holder of + Register Volume Folio granted under having observed and performed all the covenants and conditions contained in the said recited lease do hereby in pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Act apply for a grant in fee simple of that part of the said recited lease described in Schedule attached hereto.± Dated at this day of , 19 . Witness(es)

Signature of Lessee(s).

Minister

- * Insert name, address and occupation of applicant(s).
- + Insert description of lease.
- ± A description of the area required in fee simple should be attached to this application.

MINISTER'S DECISION UNDER REGULATION 51

regulation 56

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No.
LODGED AT THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE ON AT DUPLICATE TO

NOTICE OF A RIGHT TO A GRANT OF AN INTEREST

The Minister, under the *Crown Lands Act*, lodges with the Registrar-General details of the means by which the right to a grant of an interest in land arose for the purposes of creating a folio in the Register.

(NOTE 1)

	Location	Parcel	Plan	
Land				
(NOTE 2)				
Details of the Interest				
(NOTE 3)				
Commencing				
Expiring				
(NOTE 4)				
Person(s) who possesses the	Name:			
right to a grant	Address:			
(NOTE 5)				
Means by which the right to grant arose				

(NOTE 6)		
Reservations, provisions, covenants and encumbrances		
(NOTE 7)		
Lease conditions		
Registered on	At	Minister
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- SCHEDULE OF NOTES
- 1. Full details of the land must be shown.
- 2. Estate in fee simple or type of Crown lease e.g. Crown Lease Term No.
- 3. This relates to lease's commencing date. Expiry date may be in perpetuity or, if grant in fee simple, not applicable.
- 4. Full name(s). Person includes body corporate. ACN should be specified. Copy of certificate of registration for a body corporate must be appended. Address for service of notices may be a postal address or the registered office of a company.
- 5. Must be shown, i.e. specify section of the relevant Act.
- 6. Reservations, including standard reservations (minerals, etc.), sewerage easement, statutory restrictions etc. should be identified by a general reference to a statute (e.g. "all reservations implied by the *Crown Lands Act*").
- 7. Identify lease conditions (e.g. document date) or N/A for grant in fee simple.

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended od = order
app = appendix om = omitted
bl = by-law pt = Part

ch = Chapter r = regulation/rule
cl = clause rem = remainder
div = Division renum = renumbered

ins = inserted SL = Subordinate Legislation

It = long title sub = substituted

nc = not commenced

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

Crown Lands Regulations (SL No. 24, 1992)

Notified 26 June 1992 Commenced 26 June 1992

Statute Law Revision Act (No. 2) 1998 (Act No. 92, 1998)

Assent date 11 December 1998

Commenced ss 7 and 11: 13 January 1999 (*Gaz* G1, 13 January 1999,

p 6); ss 6 and 15: 10 March 1999 (Gaz G9, 10 March 1999,

p 2); s 3: 1 April 1999 (*Gaz* S15, 1 April 1999); s 25: 20 September 1999; rem: 11 December 1998

Land Title (Consequential Amendments) Act 2000 (Act No. 45, 2000)

Assent date 12 September 2000 Commenced 1 December 2000 (s 2)

Statute Law Revision Act 2003 (Act No. 12, 2003)

Assent date 18 March 2003 Commenced 18 March 2003

3 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

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r 13	amd Act No. 45, 2000, s 12
r 53	amd Act No. 12, 2003, s 19
r 55	rep Act No. 92, 1998, s 6(5)