

**Miscellaneous Use Lease Policy
Agricultural Crown Land
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A. Purpose

Crown Land Management Branch issues miscellaneous use leases on agricultural Crown land for a variety of agricultural, commercial, public (including non-profit) and recreational uses.

B. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, miscellaneous use is defined as having the following usages. This list is not all inclusive and other uses may be accepted at the Director's discretion.

1. Public or Farm Use, including:
 - a. Community golf courses;
 - b. Community water wells;
 - c. Riding arenas;
 - d. Irrigation pump sites;
 - e. Rural Municipalities carrying out a public service;
 - f. Farmyard sites; and
 - g. Beekeeping.
2. Commercial Use, including:
 - a. Marinas;
 - b. Fish Farms;
 - c. Sodium sulphate mines; and
 - d. Berry picking.
3. Campgrounds;
4. Festival sites;
5. Snowmobile trails;
6. Skiing trails; and
7. Hiking trails.

C. Authority

Section 2-6(1)(a) of *The Provincial Lands Act, 2016* and section 3-1(2) of *The Provincial Lands (Agriculture) Regulations* provide the authority for Crown Land Management Branch to issue miscellaneous use leases.

D. Rates

1. According to section 3-29 of *The Provincial Lands (Agriculture) Regulations*, rents for miscellaneous use leases are based on fair market value.
 - a. Rates for public or farm use are \$40.00 for a one-acre site or portion thereof; the balance of the acreage to be charged at the appropriate Crown Land Management Branch animal unit month rating or cultivation rating.
 - b. Rates for commercial use are eight per cent of market value of the land area being leased.
 - i. Market value can be determined using the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency data. The minimum commercial rate is \$40.00 per acre; however, the minimum total commercial annual rent is \$100.00.

E. Lease Clauses and Terms

1. Clauses for miscellaneous use leases have been determined by referring to previous examples of that type.
 - a. Additional clauses that have been approved by legal counsel can be added at the Land Management Specialist's discretion, as required.
 - b. Several clauses in these leases are standard and are included in agricultural lease agreements.
2. All miscellaneous use leases must include the following two clauses:
 - The lessee shall pay rent as determined by the Minister in accordance with subsection 3-1(2) of *The Provincial Lands (Agriculture) Regulations* and calculated annually for each calendar year of the lease.
 - The Minister may amend the rent paid with 30 days' written notice.
3. The term for a miscellaneous use lease is up to 10 years.

F. General

1. Miscellaneous use leases may overlap with agricultural uses if the land used for the miscellaneous use lease purposes is removed from the agricultural lease.
2. The applicant is required to complete the appropriate application form(s).
3. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis and can include general conditions, entry, restoration, compensation and release, as well as approval from other ministries, including the Ministries of Environment and Parks, Culture and Sport.
4. The applicant is required to obtain the consent and conditions of entry from the agricultural lessee if the land is subject to an agricultural lease. Conditions of entry should include location of roadways, fencing and gates.

5. Prior to issuing a lease, the Duty to Consult is required to be reviewed consistent with *The First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework* for any developments involving vacant agricultural Crown land; bed, bank and shoreline; or where there may be adverse offsite impacts to First Nation and Métis communities' ability to exercise Treaty and Aboriginal rights and traditional uses.
 - a. Information obtained from consultations with First Nations and Métis communities may result in project changes or ineligibility.
 - b. Any project with the potential to adversely impact First Nation and Métis communities' ability to exercise Treaty and Aboriginal and traditional uses on vacant agricultural Crown land, including waterbodies, will at a minimum require a pre-consultation assessment.
 - c. All projects with the potential to impact vacant agricultural Crown land are to be sent to the Consultation and Engagement Unit at aglandsdte@gov.sk.ca for review.
6. For irrigation applications, please refer to the Irrigation Development Policy.
7. For drainage applications, please refer to the Lease Policy.

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