



# Application requirements

## How to apply?

The purpose of this guideline is to provide guidance on the approved manner and minimum requirements to apply for a petroleum or geothermal exploration permit or drilling reservation.

## What is the approved manner?

The approved manner for lodging an application is through the department's secure online Petroleum and Geothermal Register (PGR) by the closing date and time stipulated in the Western Australian *Government Gazette* notice inviting applications.

Applications will not be accepted by hand delivery or post.

## Is there an application fee?

A prescribed fee is payable at the time of lodgement in accordance with the [Petroleum Schedule of Fees](#).

Payment of the prescribed fee must be made via PGR for the application to be considered lodged. Fees are subject to change on 1 July each year.

## What is needed?

Applications are assessed on the basis of the information submitted. The Minister for Mines and Petroleum must be reasonably satisfied the application has adequately addressed the criteria.

The assessment will take into account work programs relative to the whole of the area to which the application relates, the adequacy of the work program and the applicant's technical and financial ability to undertake the work.

For an application to be considered valid and accepted for an assessment, it must be completed in accordance with Section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* (PGERA).

Applications cannot be amended after lodgement, however, further clarifying information may be sought as part of the assessment process.

Section 31 of the PGERA states that an application must include:

- The nomination of a discrete area to which the application applies.
- The details of the proposed work program and indicative expenditure.
- The relevant technical qualifications available to the applicant.
- The technical advice available to the applicant.
- The financial resources available to the applicant.
- Payment of the prescribed fee.

Please refer to the Criteria for Assessment Guideline for details of the information expected in support of the items above.

If you have any further queries regarding any of the information contained within this guideline, please email the Resource Tenure team at [petroleum.titles@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:petroleum.titles@dmirs.wa.gov.au)