



MINERAL LICENSING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORIES OF MINERAL RIGHTS IN UGANDA

Licence	Purpose	Period	Remarks
Prospecting Licence (PL)	To prospect for minerals around the country	1 year	Non-exclusive & not renewable
Exploration Licence (EL)	To explore for minerals in an area not more than 250km ²	≤ 4 years	Renewable once for three (3) years and half the area relinquished on renewal
Retention Licence (RL)	Given to the holder of an EL who has identified a mineral deposit but the deposit cannot be immediately developed due to factors beyond reasonable control of the Licence holder, which are of temporary nature.	≤ 3 years	Renewable once for two (2) years
Large Scale Mining Licence (LSML)	For large mining operations in an area not more than 50km ² requiring a capital investment threshold exceeding nineteen million, four hundred and ten thousand (19,410,000) currency points (1cp = UGX 20,000)	≤ 21 years	Renewable for 15 years at a time
Medium Scale Mining Licence (MSML)	For mining operations in an area not more than 50km ² requiring a capital investment threshold exceeding fifty eight thousand, two hundred and thirty (58,230) currency points to nineteen million, four hundred and ten thousand (19,410,000) currency points (1cp = UGX 20,000)	≤ 10 years	Renewable for 7 years at a time
Small Scale Mining Licence (SSML)	For mining operations in an area not more than 10km ² requiring a capital investment threshold exceeding nineteen thousand four hundred and ten (19,410) currency points to nine hundred seventy thousand and five hundred (970,500) currency points (1cp = UGX 20,000)	≤ 5 years	Renewable for 3 years at a time (Exclusively for Ugandans)
Artisanal Mining Licence (AML)	For mining operations not exceeding nineteen thousand four hundred and ten (19,410) currency points (1cp = UGX 20,000)	≤ 3 years	Renewable for 2 years at a time (Exclusively for Ugandans)
Licence for extraction of Geothermal Resources for Direct Use (EGRL)	For a person who intends to extract geothermal resources for direct use.	≤ 10 years	Renewable for 7 years at a time

LICENCES FOR BENEFICIATION

Licence	Purpose	Period	Remarks
Mineral Processing Licence (MPL)	For procedures, such as dry and wet crushing, leaching, grinding and separation of minerals or other products containing minerals, to raise the concentration of the substance mined	≤ 5 years	Renewable for 3 years at a time
Mineral Smelting Licence (MSL)	Given to a person who intends for extract metal from its ore by a process involving heating and melting	≤ 15 years	Renewable for 10 years at a time
Mineral Refining Licence (MRL)	To purify a mineral or other mineral products derived from a mineral ore to produce a metal or compound	≤ 15 years	Renewable for 10 years at a time

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Application Form
- ❖ ID showing nationality
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate
- ❖ Company profile and history of prospecting in Uganda and elsewhere (if Company)
- ❖ Proof of technical competence
- ❖ Proof of financial resources

Statutory fees

- ❖ 200,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 800,000/= Licence fees

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR AN EXPLORATION LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Filled Exploration License Application Form
- ❖ Proof of mineral occurrence
- ❖ Work program and budget for the exploration operations
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the URA to MEMD
- ❖ Proof of the technical capacity (include CVs and academic documents)
- ❖ Proposals for the employment and training of Ugandan citizens (include training plan and budget)
- ❖ Statement on the procurement plan of goods and services available in Uganda

Statutory fees

- ❖ 2,000,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 75,000/= per km2 or part of a km2 mineral rent annually
- ❖ 5,000,000/= for application for renewal of an EL
- ❖ 100,000/= per km2 or part of a km2 mineral rent annually
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of EL

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A RETENTION LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Pre-feasibility study and assessment by an accredited consultant
- ❖ Filled Retention Licence Application Form
- ❖ Exploration Licence returns
- ❖ Detailed report on Mineral Resources
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ Certified copies of the previous audited financial year balance sheet
- ❖ Particulars of the applicants proposal for employment and training of Ugandans
- ❖ Statutory Declaration (reason for requesting grant of Retention Licence)
- ❖ Work program and budget for the retention operations
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate
- ❖ Proof of technical competence (includes CVs and academic documents)

Statutory fees

- ❖ 7,000,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 200,000/= per km2 or part of a km2 mineral rent annually
- ❖ 10,000,000/= for application for renewal of RL
- ❖ 250,000/= per km2 or part of a km2 mineral rent annually
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of RL

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A LARGE SCALE MINING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Large scale Mining application form
- ❖ Tax clearance certificate issued by URA to MEMD
- ❖ Company profile and history of mining operations in Uganda and elsewhere
- ❖ Detailed report on mineral resources
- ❖ be accompanied by a statement giving particulars of expected infrastructure requirements
- ❖ Certificate of approval of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA)

- ❖ Feasibility study and assessment by an appropriate expert or accredited consultant
- ❖ Identification of interested and affected parties and details of minutes of any consultative meetings
- ❖ Statement on the procurement plan of goods and services available in Uganda
- ❖ Statement giving particulars of the applicant's proposals with respect to the employment and training of citizens of Uganda.
- ❖ Details of the applicant's proposals for insurance including health cover for its employees and workers' compensation;
- ❖ Proposals for value addition;
- ❖ Proposed marketing arrangements for the sale of the mineral(s) to be produced;
- ❖ Detailed statement of the assets and liabilities signed by the applicant, or, in the case of an applicant which is a body corporate;
 - certified copies of the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the previous financial year of the applicant
 - a copy of the certified audited report of the applicant
 - a certified bank statement
- ❖ Proof of the technical capacity (include CVs and academic documents)
- ❖ Plan for co-existence with customary landowners or communities owning the land in the area subject to a mineral right ;
- ❖ Business plan (forecast of capital investment, operating costs and revenues, the anticipated type and source of financing etc)
- ❖ Mine plan (break even, capacity, recovery, mineral products, rehabilitation, restitution of land rights at expiry or termination)
- ❖ Written proof that the applicant has obtained the surface rights from the registered owner, customary owner, lawful occupant or bonafide occupant of the area that the applicant intends to mine

Statutory fees

- ❖ 20,000,000/= New application/Renewal application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 150,000/= per hectare or part of a hectare mineral rent annually
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of LML

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A MEDIUM SCALE MINING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Medium Scale Mining application form
- ❖ Mine plan (break even, capacity, recovery, mineral products, rehabilitation, restitution of land rights at expiry or termination)
- ❖ Proof of financial competence including:
 - certified copies of the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the previous financial year of the applicant.
 - a copy of the certified audited report of the applicant
 - a certified bank statement
- ❖ Proof of the technical capacity (include cvs and academic documents)
- ❖ Written proof that the applicant has obtained the surface rights from the registered owner, customary owner, lawful occupant or bonafide occupant of the area that the applicant intends to mine
- ❖ Certificate of approval of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA)
- ❖ Proposals for value addition
- ❖ Proposed marketing arrangements for the sale of minerals produced
- ❖ Tax clearance certificate issued by URA to MEMD
- ❖ Detailed report on mineral resources to prove that the proposed minerals to be mined exist in the proposed mining area

Statutory fees

- ❖ 15,000,000/= New application/Renewal application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 120,000/= per hectare or part of a hectare mineral rent annually
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of MML

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A SMALL SCALE MINING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Small Scale Mining License Application Form
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate
- ❖ Proof of mineral occurrence
- ❖ Proof of technical competence
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ A statement of particulars of the nature of the mining operations and the capital expenditure
- ❖ Provisional agreement with the land owner
- ❖ Certificate of approval of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA)
- ❖ Proposed programme for value addition (optional)
- ❖ Proposed marketing arrangements for the sale of the mineral production

Statutory fees

- ❖ 10,000,000/= New application/Renewal application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 100,000/= per hectare or part of a hectare mineral rent annually
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of SML

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR AN ARTISANAL MINING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Artisanal Mining Application Form
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate
- ❖ Proof of mineral occurrence
- ❖ Proof of technical competence
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ A statement of particulars of the nature of the mining operations and the capital expenditure
- ❖ Provisional agreement with the land owner
- ❖ Certificate of approval of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA)
- ❖ Proposed production schedule and marketing arrangements for the sale of the mineral produced

Statutory fees

- ❖ 1,000,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 1,500,000/= mineral rent annually
- ❖ 2,000,000/= for application for renewal of AML
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of AML

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE FOR EXTRACTION OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES FOR DIRECT USE

Application

- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ Proof of technical resources
- ❖ A statement giving details of the geothermal reservoir and well capacity in the area of land over which the license is sought including details of-
 - (i) proven, estimated or inferred geothermal resources; and
 - (ii) surface and subsurface conditions in accordance with recognized international geothermal standards;
- ❖ A statement of particulars of expected infrastructure requirements;
- ❖ An environment and social impact assessment ESIA in accordance with the National Environment act, 2019;
- ❖ A technical report on geothermal fluid extraction and direct use techniques proposed to be used by the applicant;
- ❖ Feasibility study and assessment carried out by appropriate experts or accredited consultants on -
 - (i) the extent and prospect for recovery as well as the commercial and economic significance of the geothermal resources concerned;
 - (ii) a detailed timetable for the work to be carried out;
- ❖ Identification of interested and affected parties including-
 - (i) registered owner;
 - (ii) customary owner;
 - (iii) lawful occupant or bona fide occupant of the proposed geothermal area;
 - (iv) proof of consultation with interested and affected parties and the results of the consultation;
- ❖ A statement giving particulars of the proposed programme of geothermal operations, including a statement of -
 - (i) the estimated date by which the applicant intends to work for profit
 - (ii) the estimated production capacity and scale of operations
 - (iii) the estimated heat in Mwth (Megawatts thermal)
 - (iv) the type of the direct use
 - (v) the effects of the geothermal operations on the environment and on the local population and proposals for mitigation, compensation and resettlement
 - (vi) any particular health or other risks involved in geothermal operations and proposals for their control or elimination
 - (vii) restitution of land rights at the expiry or termination of a license for extraction of geothermal resources for direct use or after closure of the geothermal site
- ❖ A report on the goods and services required for the geothermal operations which can be obtained within Uganda and the applicant's proposals with respect to the procurement of those goods and services;
- ❖ A statement giving particulars of applicant's proposals with respect to the employment and training of citizens of Uganda and technology transfer;
- ❖ Applicant's proposals for insurance including life and health cover for its employees and workers' compensation;
- ❖ A proposed marketing arrangements for the applicable direct use of the geothermal resource;
- ❖ plan for co-existence with customary land owners or communities owning the land in the area subject to the license for extraction of geothermal resources for direct use;
- ❖ Business plan (forecast of capital investment, operating costs and revenues, the anticipated type and source of financing etc)
- ❖ Tax Clearance certificate
- ❖ Application form for Licence for extraction of geothermal resources for direct use

Statutory fees

- ❖ 10,000,000/= New application/Renewal application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of EGRL

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A MINERAL PROCESSING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Application form for Mineral Processing Licence
- ❖ Proof of financial capacity including: Detailed statement of the assets and liabilities signed by the applicant, or, in the case of an applicant which is a body corporate;
 - certified copies of the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the previous financial year of the applicant
 - a copy of the certified audited report of the applicant
 - a certified bank statement
- ❖ proof of appropriate technology
- ❖ a plan and layout of the mineral processing facility
- ❖ a certificate of approval of environmental and social assessment issued under the National Environment Act, 2019;
- ❖ Proof of technical competence (include CVs and academic documents)
- ❖ A statement of the applicant's knowledge and experience in mineral smelting;
- ❖ An environment management plan;
- ❖ waste management plan in accordance with the National Environment Act, 2019;

- ❖ Written proof of surface rights including compensation, relocation and resettlement plan, where there shall be land acquisition for setting up a processing plant and displacement of persons;
- ❖ tax clearance from the Uganda Revenue Authority to MEMD

Statutory fees

- ❖ 300,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 5,000,000/= Licence fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= mineral rent annually
- ❖ 500,000/= for application for renewal of MPL
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of MPL

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A MINERAL SMELTING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Application form for Mineral Smelting Licence
- ❖ a plan and layout of the mineral smelting facility
- ❖ proof of appropriate technology
- ❖ proof of financial capacity including: Detailed statement of the assets and liabilities signed by the applicant, or, in the case of an applicant which is a body corporate;
 - certified copies of the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the previous financial year of the applicant
 - a copy of the certified audited report of the applicant
 - a certified bank statement
- ❖ Proof of technical competence of (include CVs and academic documents)
- ❖ a statement of the applicant's knowledge and experience in mineral smelting;
- ❖ a certificate of approval of environmental and social assessment issued under the National Environment Act, 2019;
- ❖ an environment management plan;
- ❖ waste management plan in accordance with the National Environment Act, 2019;
- ❖ Written proof of surface rights including compensation, relocation and resettlement plan, where there shall be land acquisition for setting up a smelting plant and displacement of persons;
- ❖ tax clearance from the Uganda Revenue Authority to MEMD;

Statutory fees

- ❖ 500,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 10,000,000/= Licence fees
- ❖ 5,000,000/= mineral rent annually
- ❖ 1,000,000/= for application for renewal of MSL
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of MSL

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A MINERAL REFINING LICENCE

Application

- ❖ Application form for Mineral Refining Licence
- ❖ a plan and layout of the mineral Refining facility
- ❖ proof of appropriate refining technology
- ❖ proof of financial capacity including: Detailed statement of the assets and liabilities signed by the applicant, or, in the case of an applicant which is a body corporate;
 - certified copies of the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the previous financial year of the applicant
 - a copy of the certified audited report of the applicant
 - a certified bank statement
- ❖ Proof of technical competence (include CVs and academic documents)
- ❖ a statement of the applicant's knowledge and experience in mineral refining;
- ❖ a certificate of approval of environmental and social assessment issued under the National Environment Act, 2019;
- ❖ an environment management plan;
- ❖ waste management plan in accordance with the National Environment Act, 2019;
- ❖ Written proof of surface rights including compensation, relocation and resettlement plan, where there shall be land acquisition for setting up a smelting plant and displacement of persons;
- ❖ tax clearance from the Uganda Revenue Authority to MEMD;

Statutory fees

- ❖ 1,000,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1,000,000/= registration fees
- ❖ 10,000,000/= Licence fees
- ❖ 10,000,000/= mineral rent annually
- ❖ 1,500,000/= for application for renewal of MSL
- ❖ 345,000/= for gazetting grant of MSL

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A MINERAL DEALERS LICENCE MDL EXPIRES EVERY 31ST OF DECEMBER OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE

Application

- ❖ MDL Application Form
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ ID showing nationality (If Individual)
- ❖ Proposed plan for the marketing, buying and selling of minerals
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the URA to MEMD
- ❖ Proof of technical competence (include CVs)

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A MINERAL DEALERS LICENCE MDL EXPIRES EVERY 31ST OF DECEMBER OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE

Application

- ❖ MDL Application Form
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ ID showing nationality (If Individual)
- ❖ Proposed plan for the marketing, buying and selling of minerals
- ❖ Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the URA to MEMD
- ❖ Proof of technical competence (include CVs)

Statutory Fees

- ❖ 500,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 3,000,000/= Licence fee for industrial minerals;
- ❖ 5,000,000/= Licence fee for base metals or metals which are not precious metal;
- ❖ 10,000,000/= Licence fee for precious metals;
- ❖ 6,000,000/= Licence fee for precious stones

Class types

- ❖ Precious stones: agate, amber, amethyst, cat's eye, chrysolite, diamond, emerald, garnet, opal, ruby, sapphire, turquoise
- ❖ Precious metals: gold, silver, platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium, ruthenium, rhodium
- ❖ Base metals: copper, cobalt, lead, nickel, aluminium, zinc, iron, molybdenum, magnesium, bismuth, cadmium, titanium, zirconium, chromium, uranium, tin (cassiterite), columbite (niobium), tantalite (tantalum), wolfram (tungsten), beryllium, antimony, manganese and other substances of a similar nature
- ❖ Industrial Minerals: limestone, diatomite, kaolin, bentonite, silica sand, gypsum, marble, feldspar, granite, graphite, pozzolana, phosphate, dolomite, barite, talc, lithium, laterite, mica, magnesite, vermiculite and salt, which are commercially mined by a person or industrially processed into finished or semi-finished products and any such other minerals as the Minister may from time to time declare by notice published in the Gazette, to be industrial minerals;

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION FOR A GOLDSMITH LICENCE GSL EXPIRES EVERY 31ST OF DECEMBER OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE

Application

- ❖ GSL Application Form
- ❖ Proof of financial resources
- ❖ ID showing nationality (If Individual)
- ❖ Tax clearance certificate

Statutory Fees

- ❖ 500,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 5,000,000/= Licence fee

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT PERMITS GRANTED PER CONSIGNMENT

Application

- ❖ Valid MDL or Mineral Right
- ❖ Filled form 52 of the Mining and Minerals (Licensing) Regulations, 2023
- ❖ Where minerals are not from Uganda, an export permit or any other related documents issued by the relevant government department from the country of origin
- ❖ Proof of payment of royalty for minerals where applicable
- ❖ Certificate of Origin where applicable
- ❖ Certificate of Analysis authenticated by the country of origin

REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT PERMITS GRANTED PER CONSIGNMENT

Application

- ❖ Valid MDL for the right group of minerals
- ❖ Filled form 54 of the Mining and Minerals (Licensing) Regulations, 2023
- ❖ an export permit from originating country
- ❖ a pre-shipment documents
- ❖ a certificate of origin
- ❖ ICGLR certificate, where applicable.

Statutory Fees

- ❖ 1,000,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 1% of the prevailing price on the London Metal Exchange or any other metal exchange or market for precious metals, precious stones and base metals as permit fees
- ❖ 4,000 per tonne for Industrial Minerals as permit fees
- ❖ 2,000 per tonne for Clinker or semi-processed industrial minerals as permit fees

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MOVEMENT PERMIT GRANTED PER CONSIGNMENT

Application

- ❖ Valid MDL or a Mineral Right
- ❖ Filled form 57 of the Mining and Minerals (Licensing) Regulations, 2023
- ❖ Proof of royalty payment

REQUIREMENTS FOR A BLASTING CERTIFICATE

Application

- ❖ Filled form 61 of the Mining and Minerals (Licensing) Regulations, 2023
- ❖ Proof of technical competence of the applicant

Statutory Fees

- ❖ 300,000/= Application fees
- ❖ 700,000/= Licence fees

Mineral Licensing procedures

- ❖ Register on the Mining Cadastre and Registry system (MCRS). Requirements include;

Individual

- Filled in Registration form (downloaded from the online portal)
- Personal Identity (passport (foreigner) or National ID)
- Tax Identification number

Company

- Filled in Registration form (downloaded from the online portal)
- Personal Identity (passport (foreigner) or National ID)
- Tax identification number
- Certified copies of Certificate of Incorporation
- Certified copies of memorandum and articles of association
- Registered board resolution authorising applicant to use the Mining cadastre portal on behalf of the company

- ❖ Download forms, execute and submit with all required accompanying documents online applications to the minister through the MCRS
- ❖ Pay application fees
- ❖ MEMD Reviews and seeks for remedy where need be and there after approve when satisfactory or reject if not satisfactory.
- ❖ Once approved, Payment of Licence fees
- ❖ Grant of Licence (Title prints, Licence Doc,Gazette Notices)



INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS SHALL NOT BE RECEIVED

