

Regulations under the *Mining Act 1971*

Fees effective 1 July 2023

All fees listed are **EXEMPT FROM GST**



Government of
South Australia

APPLICATION AND ANNUAL FEES

Tenement Type	Exploration Licence	Mining Lease or Miscellaneous Purposes Licence	Mining Lease (solely extractive or industrial minerals)	Retention Lease (exploration operations only)	Retention Lease (any other case)
Mineral Tenement – Application Fees					
Base Component	\$ 954	\$ 1,906	\$ 1,906	\$ 954	\$ 954
Advertising Component	-	\$ 1,029	\$ 1,029	-	\$ 1,029
Assessment Component					
Set Fee	-	-	-	\$ 1,269	\$6,340
Annual Production <100,000 tonnes	-	-	\$ 1,269	-	-
Annual Production ≥ 100,000 tonnes	-	-	\$ 6,340	-	-
Capital cost < \$1,000,000	-	\$ 1,269	-	-	-
Capital cost ≥ \$1,000,000 – Within the area of a council or a reserve*	-	0.25% of the capital cost up to a max of \$250,000	-	-	-
Capital cost ≥ \$1,000,000 – Outside the area of a council or a reserve*	-	0.125% of the capital cost up to a max of \$250,000	-	-	-

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Mineral Tenement – Annual Fees					
Administration Component	\$ 191	\$ 191	\$ 191	\$ 191	\$ 191
Regulation Component Zone 1 \$14.60/km ² (min \$ 628) Zone 2 \$19.40/km ² (min \$ 840) Zone 3 \$24.50/km ² (min \$ 1,057)		per tenement: \$376	\$ 0 **	per tenement: \$376	per tenement: \$376
Rental	N/A	per ha: \$75.50 min: \$284.00	per ha: \$62.50 min: \$241.00	Granted < 5 years per km ² : \$24.50 min: \$1,058.00 Granted ≥ 5 years per ha: \$38.25 min: \$284.00 Granted ≥ 10 years per ha: \$111.00 min: \$284.00	per ha: \$38.25 min: \$284.00
Other Annual Fees					
Private Mine – annual fee					\$ 191

* Reserve within the meaning of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*.

** The regulation component for a Mineral Lease for Extractive Minerals is administered through contributions to the Extractive Areas Rehabilitation Fund (EARF).

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Other Application Fees	
Mineral claim - application for registration	\$ 671
Renewal of a mining lease, retention lease, miscellaneous purposes licence and exploration licence	\$ 671
Retention status in relation to a licence	
a) under section 33B(3)(a) of the Act	\$ 671
b) under section 33B(3)(b) of the Act	\$ 1,089
c) under section 33B(3)(c) of the Act	\$ 671
Amalgamation of the areas of 2 or more mineral tenements	\$ 671
Division of area of an exploration licence	\$ 671
Special mining enterprise – application phase	\$ 272,318
Special mining enterprise – concept phase	\$ 27,232

Change in Operations – Application Fees			
Tenement Type	Mining Lease or Miscellaneous Purposes Licence	Mining Lease (solely extractives or industrial minerals)	Retention Lease
Administrative change in accordance with s56Q(3)(b) only		\$ 272	\$ 2,724
Change in authorised operations (in accordance with s56Q(3)(a) or (c)) and Production < 100,000 tonnes per annum		\$ 2,179	
Change in authorised operations (in accordance with s56Q(3)(a) or (c)) and Production > 100,000 tonnes per annum		\$ 5,446	
Administrative change in accordance with s56Q(3)(b) only and approved PEPR RLE/bond less than \$1M	\$ 545		
Administrative change in accordance with s56Q(3)(b) only and approved PEPR RLE or bond between \$1M and \$10M	\$ 1,635		
Administrative change in accordance with s56Q(3)(b) only and approved PEPR RLE or bond greater than \$10M	\$ 10,893		
Change in authorised operations (in accordance with s56Q(3)(a) or (c)) and approved PEPR RLE/bond less than \$1M	\$ 1,635		
Change in authorised operations (in accordance with s56Q(3)(a) or (c)) and approved PEPR RLE or bond between \$1M and \$10M	\$ 10,893		
Change in authorised operations (in accordance with s56Q(3)(a) or (c)) and approved PEPR RLE or bond greater than \$10M	\$ 27,232		
In relation to an MPL the fee is an amount equal to the fee for the primary mining tenement to which the licence is ancillary to.	Equal to primary mining tenement change fee	Equal to primary mining tenement change fee	Equal to primary mining tenement change fee

Other Fees	
Lodgement of an agreement (including an indigenous land use agreement) or determination with the Mining Registrar under Part 9B of the <i>Mining Act 1971</i>	\$ 671
Registration of caveat – per application	\$ 545
Registration of mortgage – per application	\$ 545
Registration of a dealing on the Mining Register – per application	\$ 272
Application for withdrawal of the registration of a caveat, mortgage or a dealing – per instrument	\$ 272
Application for Ministerial consent to a transfer of a mineral tenement or an interest in a mineral tenement	
Base fee, plus	\$ 671
i. <i>If the mineral tenement to which the application relates has an estimated rehabilitation liability of less than \$10M as set out in the program approved under Part 10A of the Act</i>	\$ 1,635
OR	
ii. <i>If the mineral tenement to which the application relates has an estimated rehabilitation liability of \$10M or more as set out in the program approved under Part 10A of the Act</i>	\$ 3,268

**PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION and REHABILITATION (PEPR) AND
MINE OPERATIONS PLAN (MOP) FEES**

EXPLORATION LICENCES AND EXPLORATION ON MINERAL CLAIMS			PEPR Fee
Generic E-PEPR for low impact mineral exploration in South Australia			No Fee
New E-PEPR			\$ 1,635
New E-PEPR requiring referral to the Department and/or Minister for Environment and Water			\$ 2,180
New E-PEPR requiring approval of the Minister for Environment and Water			\$ 3,270
Minor administrative change to an E-PEPR OR Review of an approved E-PEPR			\$ 272
Review of an approved E-PEPR requiring referral to the Department and/or Minister for Environment and Water			\$ 545
Review of an approved E-PEPR requiring approval of the Minister for Environment and Water			\$ 1,635
EXPLORATION AND TRIAL MINING ON RETENTION LEASES			
New Retention Lease PEPR			\$ 2,941
Minor administrative change			\$ 272
Retention Lease PEPR Review			\$ 2,724
PRIVATE MINES			MOP FEE
First MOP – all mineral types			\$2,724
MOP Alteration – Private Mine – Extractive/Industrial/Prescribed Purpose:			
Minor administrative change OR no new or modified Environmental Objectives and/or Criteria			No Fee
Production < 100,000T per annum <i>and</i> new or modified Environmental Objectives and/or Criteria			\$ 1,089
Production ≥ 100,000T per annum <i>and</i> new or modified Environmental Objectives and/or Criteria			\$ 5,446
MOP Alteration – Private Mine – Other Minerals:			
Minor administrative change OR no new or modified Environmental Objectives and/or Criteria			No Fee
New or modified Environmental Objectives and/or Criteria			\$ 2,724
Single Document MOP/PEPR – all mineral types:			
First single document MOP/PEPR (or first combination of an approved MOP or approved PEPR)			\$ 1,361
Review of a single document MOP/PEPR			PEPR Review fee applies
Advertising Fee applicable to new operations proposed on a Private Mine			\$ 1,029
MINING LEASE (Extractive/Industrial/Mineral) and MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES LICENCES			
INITIAL PEPRs	ML (Extractive) or related MPL	ML (Industrial / Prescribed Purpose) or related MPL	ML (Mineral) or related MPL
PEPR as a result of Regulation 114 Transitional Provisions (where tenement was granted prior to 1 July 2011)	\$ 2,724	\$2,724	\$2,724
Production < 100,000T per annum	\$ 634.50	\$634.50	
Production ≥ 100,000T per annum	\$ 3,170	\$ 3,170	
Capital cost submitted in initial lease application < \$1M			\$ 634.50
Capital cost submitted in initial lease application ≥ \$1M			50% of the initial ML/ MPL assessment fee
PEPR REVIEWS			
Minor administrative change	\$ 272	\$ 272	\$ 272
Production < 100,000T per annum <i>and</i> no new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria	\$ 272	\$ 272	
Production < 100,000T per annum <i>and</i> new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria	\$ 1,089	\$ 1,089	
Production ≥ 100,000T per annum <i>and</i> no new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria	\$ 1,089	\$ 1,089	
Production ≥ 100,000T per annum <i>and</i> new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria	\$ 5,446	\$ 5,446	

PEPR REVIEWS (continued)	ML (Extractive) or related MPL	ML (Industrial / Prescribed Purpose) or related MPL	ML (Mineral) or related MPL
No new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria <i>and</i> approved PEPR Rehabilitation Liability Estimate (RLE) or Bond less than \$1M			\$ 545
New or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria and approved PEPR RLE/Bond less than \$1M <i>OR</i> No new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria <i>and</i> approved PEPR RLE or Bond between \$1M and \$10M (inclusive)			\$ 1,635
New or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria <i>and</i> approved PEPR RLE or Bond between \$1M and \$10M (inclusive) <i>OR</i> No new or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria <i>and</i> approved PEPR RLE or Bond greater \$10M			\$ 10,893
New or modified Environmental Outcomes and/or Criteria <i>and</i> approved PEPR RLE or Bond greater than \$10M			\$ 27,232

Guidance to assist with this Fee Schedule:

Single or Multiple Tenement Programs:

- Fees for standalone PEPRs for Miscellaneous Purposes Licences (MPL) will be set at the fee that would be payable for the primary associated production tenement.
- Only one fee will be charged where an operating plan relates to multiple tenements (PEPRs and/or MOPs).
- Where an operating plan for a Private Mine is combined in a single document MOP/PEPR with related production tenements and adopts a PEPR (rather than MOP) standard, the fee for the first single document MOP/PEPR is \$1,250.
- A subsequent review of an approved single document MOP/PEPR will follow the PEPR Review fee structure.
- PEPRs which combine more than one tenement type (e.g. ML, EML, MPL, RL (excluding PMs)) will incur the fee equivalent to the primary associated production tenement.
- PEPRs which combine newly granted production tenements with existing tenements (where the existing tenements already have an approved PEPR) will incur the PEPR Review fee applied to the entire operation (excluding Private Mines).

Change in Operations

- A Change in Operations application that relates to s56Q(3)(b) only (and does not require a change to authorised operations) is considered an administrative assessment and a lower fee is applied.
- A Change in Operations application in accordance with s56Q(3)(a) or s56Q(3)(c) relates to a change to authorised operations and is likely to involve an environmental impact assessment, hence a higher fee is applied. Where s56Q(3)(a)/(c) and s56Q(3)(b) are relevant to the same application, the higher fee applies.
- The department has discretion to vary the fee for a revised PEPR submission that immediately follows a Change in Operations application approval.

General Guidance:

- Fees will not be charged twice for a single PEPR, PEPR Review, Initial MOP or MOP alteration (i.e. outstanding matters or information requests being resolved for the same program scope).
- Fees apply for PEPR Reviews initiated by the tenement holder or directed by the Minister for Energy and Mining under sections 70C and 73G(4) of the *Mining Act 1971*.
- Where annual production rate is used to determine the PEPR or MOP fee, the production rate will be the annual production rate stated in the PEPR or MOP submission.
- To determine the Mineral Lease PEPR Review fee, the larger of the approved PEPR Rehabilitation Liability Estimate (RLE) or Bond will be used. If there is no current approved PEPR RLE or Bond applicable to the tenement, the proposed PEPR RLE in the PEPR submission will be used.
- Information on when a review of an exploration E-PEPR can be submitted is outlined within frequently asked questions available at [Forms, legislation and guidance | Energy & Mining \(energymining.sa.gov.au\)](https://energymining.sa.gov.au/forms-legislation-guidance), and will be published in the Department's [Minerals Regulatory Guideline MG22: Guidelines for conducting mineral exploration in South Australia](#) (PDF 872KB).
- Unique scenarios will arise from time to time - the Minister for Energy and Mining or delegate has the right to reduce or waive fees on merit.
- A fee calculator is available at the Department's website: [Forms, legislation and guidance | Energy & Mining \(energymining.sa.gov.au\)](https://energymining.sa.gov.au/forms-legislation-guidance)