

ADVERT TO LEASE STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND



The department through its State Land Lease and Disposal Policy invites all eligible South African applicants to submit their applications to lease the 529 014ha of the 700 000ha agricultural land. The properties are suitable for various agricultural use, i.e. crop and livestock.

Detailed lists of farms/ properties will be available on various platforms, which include the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) website, the various provincial and/or district offices of the department, as well as in the local print media where these are located.

ELIGIBILITY AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA

To be eligible, potential lessees must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged South Africans, namely: Africans, Indians, Coloureds, and South African Chinese, who are South African citizens. The African in this context includes persons from the first nations of South Africa;
- Natural and juristic persons who fits the description above, of Blacks who were previously disadvantaged;
- Applicants must be 18 years or older and in possession of a valid South African bar-coded identity document;
- Priority within the target groups shall be given to women, youth and persons with disabilities (PwDs);
- Other categories such as unemployed military veterans (as defined in the Military Veterans Act, 2011), farm workers, dwellers, labour tenants, unemployed agricultural graduates and NARYSEC participants, shall qualify to apply;
- All public servants currently serving (national, provincial, local spheres of government and State Owned Enterprises (SoEs) are not allowed to apply;
- All former public servants who have successfully completed their 24 months cooling period (after leaving the public service);
- Former public office bearers who have successfully completed their 12 months cooling period (after leaving public office);
- The successful applicant must be willing to stay fulltime on the farm for the duration of the lease contract; and
- Traditional leaders who are recognized under any legislation in the country shall qualify, provided they disclose their status and remuneration by the State and have proven that they are involved in farming activities at various scales. The Minister shall make a final determination in this regard;

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS (Where Applicable)

- Fully completed application form, including correct contact details;
- In the case of a natural person: Certified copy of the applicant's barcoded South African ID;
- In the case of a juristic person: Unabridged legal entity registration certificate, certified copies of all members' SA IDs, and a Resolution appointing the representative;
- Recent tax certificate confirming that the applicant/ legal entity is registered with SARS as a taxpayer (except where the applicant or legal entity is excluded in terms of SARS requirements); and
- In case of livestock, branding, Tuberculosis (TB), Brucellosis and Contagious Abortion (CA) Certificates must be attached.

Manual application forms can be collected from any provincial or district offices of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. However, the submission of completed application forms must be directed to the specific District Office(s) where the farm(s) is located or via email address that would have been provided in the Provincial/ District advert no later than 16:00 on the closing date as reflected in this advert.

All applications must be hand-delivered, and applications received after the closing date and the time determined in the advert, will not be considered.

To process your application electronically, kindly visit www.dalrrd.gov.za and register via the following link <https://ALA.drdir.gov.za>

Applicants who previously applied are encouraged to re-apply.

The application process and application forms are free of charge. Officials and/or members of the public should not offer or accept any payment in this regard.

SPECIAL COVID-19 PROVISIONS

To adhere to the COVID-19 regulations, the following rules shall apply:

- Applicants should note that there will be a full screening on the day of the orientation and a register of attendance shall be completed and signed by all who were in attendance;
- All compulsory farm orientations will be arranged in phases in order to comply with the prescribed numbers in terms of the Disaster Management Act Regulations. The office will use the applicants preferred method of communication to inform each applicant of the relevant time slots applicable to them, i.e. morning or afternoon session in order to avoid overcrowding;
- All applicants must wear facemasks at all times when attending the farm orientations and interviews; and
- Social distancing will be observed at all times during the farm orientations.

For more information, please visit www.dalrrd.gov.za or call the nearest departmental office (KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Free State and North West)



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