

APPLICATION TO LEASE STATE LAND



In terms of the department's Beneficiary Selection and Land Allocation Policy & State Land Lease and Disposal Policy, eligible applicants are invited to submit applications to lease agricultural property described as follows:

Property description	Lease unit 2 of Portion 3 (of 1) of the farm Bloemendal No. 1144 FT, measuring 63,7524 ha, and Lease unit 1 (39, 4558 ha) and Lease unit 3 (185, 7992 ha) of Portion 7 of the farm Bloemendal No. 1144 FT situated in the Mpfana Local Municipality under uMgungundlovu District in the KwaZulu Natal Province.
Total extent	289, 0074 HA
Current farm use	51, 0000ha arable under irrigation, 38.0074ha, arable dry, 190,0000ha veld grazing and 10,0000 ha buildings
Category of lessee	3
Farm location and GPS coordinates	The farm is located at Nyamvubu area under Mpfana Local Municipality. It can be reached by driving approximately 40 km East of Mooi River. Access is off R74 tarred Road leading between Mooi River and Greytown and then taking the gravel District road with the board written Bloemendal which is few meters away and leads directly to the subject property. GPS co-ordinates: S 29° 02' 04" E 30° 14' 46"
LPID	NOFT00000000114400003, NOFT00000000114400007

The properties are suitable for various land use. Prospective farmers interested in leasing properties from the state are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be Africans, Indians and Coloureds, who are South African citizens. African in this context includes persons from the first nations of South Africa.
- Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a valid South African bar-coded identity document.
- Priority shall be given to **Women/Youth/Persons with Disabilities**.
- Applicants must indicate their current farming area, e.g., communal or commonage, if any;
- The successful applicant **must be willing to stay on the farm full time** for the duration of the lease contract.
- Applicants must indicate the farming resources they have or submit proof of access to resources for the farming operation as own contribution, i.e., capital, equipment, biological assets, etc; and
- 3 – 5 years farming experience will be an added advantage.

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- Completion of the application form and attachment of all mandatory supporting documents as indicated thereon;
- In the case of a natural person, a certified copy of the applicant's barcoded South African identity document;
- In the case of a juristic person, unabridged legal entity registration certificate, a resolution appointing the representative and a share register.
- A signed declaration form indicating that the applicant is not a public servant or a public office bearer. In the case of legal entities, all members must sign the said declaration;
- Applicants are expected to attend compulsory farm orientation which would be held on the farm on the **14 November 2023 at 10:00**.
- Applicants are expected to attend farm orientations and evaluation interviews at the time and place determined by the department.
- The application should indicate the number of livestock that the applicant owns, and include their livestock-branding certificate, where applicable.
- If shortlisted, applicants will be required to avail themselves, their related farming machinery, equipment and livestock (biological assets), where applicable, for verification purposes and attend evaluation interviews at the time and place determined by the department;
- If not contacted within 90 days after closing date, kindly consider your application unsuccessful; and
- Correspondence will only be limited to the successful applicants.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC OFFICE BEARERS DO NOT QUALIFY.

For further information, please visit www.dalrrd.gov.za or / visit and or call the DALRRD departmental office (KwaZulu Natal: 199 Pietermaritz Street, 3rd Floor Legalwise Building, Pietermaritzburg KwaZulu-Natal) Applicants can also contact Ms. Buyisile Ngcobo on 033 392 0650 or 079 526 9495.

Manual Application forms may be downloaded from the department's website, obtained from the nearest office of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

Applications must be hand delivered to the departmental offices no later than **30 November 2023 at 16:00**. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants who previously applied are encouraged to re-apply.