



Oil and Gas Exploration License Application

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General Information and Instructions

The intent of the State of Alaska oil and gas exploration licensing program (AS 38.05.131-134) is to encourage exploration in areas far from existing infrastructure, with unknown hydrocarbon potential, and where there is a higher investment risk to the operator. The exploration licensing program does not apply to certain lands (already subject to areawide lease sales) in the North Slope and Cook Inlet regions as specified by AS 38.05.131(b).

The licensing process is initiated one of two ways:

- ✓ Each year during the month of April, applicants may use this form to submit to the commissioner a proposal to conduct exploratory activity within an area they have specified.
- ✓ The commissioner can, at any time, issue a notice requesting proposals to explore an area designated by the commissioner. Once a request for proposals has been issued, applicants will have 30 days to notify the commissioner of their intent to submit a proposal, and 60 days to submit the proposal using this form.

Within 30 days of receiving any proposal, the commissioner will either reject it in a written decision or give public notice of the intent to evaluate the proposal's acceptability. The public notice will solicit public comments on the proposal(s) and request competing proposals. The commissioner may also modify any proposal and request a new one based on those modifications.

Please read all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may result in delays.

- ✓ Regulations governing the exploration license program can be found in 11 AAC 82.903 – 11 AAC 82.990
- ✓ All applicants must be qualified with the Division prior to submittal of this application. See 11 AAC 82.200 – 11 AAC 82.205 for qualifications regulations.
- ✓ A contact person must be designated to receive all notice's on applicant's behalf.
- ✓ The proposed term may not be longer than 10 years.
- ✓ The application must be executed by an authorized signor of the applicant.
- ✓ This application and the additionally required information must be submitted as a complete package to the address above.
- ✓ There is no fee for this application. However, there is a one-time license fee of \$1 per acre for an awarded license.
- ✓ The recipient of a license must post a bond in the amount of the work commitment over the term of the exploration license.
- ✓ Additional bonding will be required by the Division for conducting work under a plan of operations. Other bonding may be required by ADEC and AOGCC.
- ✓ Per AS 38.05.133(e), if requesting confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(8)(D), attach confidential information separately and clearly mark each page as confidential.
- ✓ Contact DO&G at the number above if you have questions.

Additional Required Information

The following items are required with your application. Be sure to clearly number documents in accordance with how they are provided below:

1. Available information on surface topography, geologic, surface water, and other physical features, vegetative cover, and important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants (including any endangered or threatened species listed under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).
2. Description of known cultural and historic resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and known archaeological features within the proposed exploration area.
3. Names and addresses of all owners and lease holders of record of the surface land and the mineral estate in the area to be explored.
4. A 1:250,000 or greater map of the proposed area showing the boundary of the proposed exploration license.



SECTION 1 - OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION LICENSE APPLICATION (Continued)

Applicant name:	
Mailing address:	
Telephone no.:	Email address:
Applicant Qualification Number:	
Type of exploration license applying for: <input type="checkbox"/> oil and gas <input type="checkbox"/> gas only	
List meridian, township(s), range(s), and section(s) subject to proposed exploration license:	
Propose the term of the license (cannot be longer than 10 years):	
Specify a work commitment for the total term of the proposed license in dollars of direct exploration expenditures:	
Name of Designated Person:	
Designated Person's telephone no.:	Designated Person's e-mail address:

Applicant Signature

Date

Division Use Only:
Date Application Received



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SECTION 2 – Geologic Indications

Instructions

- ✓ Describe the geologic or geophysical indications or other evidence of oil and gas resources in the area.
- ✓ Attach additional information if necessary

SECTION 3 – Exploration Plan

Instructions

- ✓ Briefly describe the methods to be used to conduct exploration, including land use, location of exploration activities, design of exploration wells, equipment, drilling methods, access methods, and location and plans for temporary facilities.
- ✓ Include the scope and schedule of the project, including dates for beginning and duration for each exploration phase and reclamation.
- ✓ Attach additional information if necessary



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SECTION 4 – Applicant's Experience

Instructions

- ✓ Describe the applicant's experience and record of **exploring, developing, and bringing oil and gas resources into production.**
- ✓ If the applicants have little or no experience, explain how they intend to acquire the necessary expertise to explore, develop, and bring this disposal into production.
- ✓ Attach additional information if necessary

SECTION 5 – Applicant's Financial Capabilities

Instructions

- ✓ Describe how the applicant's financial capabilities will enable them to **explore, develop, and bring this exploration license into production.** Include specific information on internal and external sources of capital needed, the maturity of discussions with potential investors, and other relevant details.
- ✓ Attach additional information if necessary