

Final Phase of Modernizing Ontario's Mining Act to Launch in January 2018

Pre-Conversion Period to Begin
January 9, 2018

The final phase of Ontario's plan to modernize the Mining Act will begin early in the new year. The province has set official dates for the historic end of claim staking in the province as well as for the implementation of both stages of the new Mining Lands Administration System (MLAS). These dates are subject to Cabinet approval.

Pre-Conversion Period Starts January 9, 2018

Traditional claim staking in Ontario will come to an end on January 8, 2018. During this pre-conversion period (formerly referred to as the staking hiatus), claim staking will not be permitted, nor will other transactions such as transfers of mining claims, the filing of assessment work reports including distributions and payments in place. This period will allow for conversion -- the process of taking mining claims (legacy claims) and transforming them into one or more cell claims or boundary claims on the provincial grid -- as well as for exhaustive testing of the information technology architecture that will underpin MLAS, and provide enough time to enroll and train users on the new system prior to launch.

Implementation Dates for MLAS Stages 1 & 2

Full implementation of MLAS is scheduled for April 10, 2018. At that time Ontario's mineral exploration and development industry will be able to fully access the new system.

Stage 1 of MLAS will go into service on February 7, 2018. In Stage 1, claim holders will be able to:

- log on to MLAS to set up their client profile (enrolment packages will be sent to all claim holders early in January)

Stage 2 will launch April 10, 2018 and will:

- introduce online claim registration in Ontario, enable clients to manage their mining lands through MLAS and process online most administrative matters including transferring mining claims, assessment work submissions, [obtaining](#) or [renewing](#) a prospector's licence as well as completing the [Mining Act Awareness Program](#) (MAAP).

Our Commitment to the Industry

Ontario is committed to being a global leader in sustainable mineral development and production by bringing a 21st century approach to managing the province's mining lands. We want the land management system that we are developing for Ontario's mineral exploration and development community to be among the most comprehensive and business friendly systems in the world.

We will continue to finalize and communicate all new policies and regulations developed under the legislation to industry clients.

Keep Track of Key Deadline Dates

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