

What is Possessory Title?

Possessory Title is a method of acquiring title or right to land that has been occupied for a statutory period of time as defined by law, under specific conditions.

What is the statutory period of time?

There are two time periods that apply.

- Sixty years for land that is ungranted.
- Fifteen years for reconveyed land.

Ungranted land: the ownership was always vested with the Department Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED).

Reconveyed land: the land was once granted by the Crown but ownership was subsequently returned to the Crown (DNRED).

What are the conditions under which the land must be occupied?

The occupation of the land must be open, visible, uninterrupted and exclusive for the applicable period of time.

What does this mean to someone occupying Crown land?

If the applicable time and occupation requirements are met, you can submit a claim, in writing, to the Crown Lands Branch - Land Use Application Service Centre at DNR.

What costs are associated with submitting a Possessory Title claim?

Application fee: \$650.00 plus HST non-refundable

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