

# Land

## Mining Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** (1) The breaking of the surface soil in order to facilitate or accomplish the extraction or removal of minerals, ores or other solid matter. (2) Any activity or process constituting all or part of a process for the extraction or removal of minerals, ores, soils and other solid matter from their original location. (3) The preparation, washing, cleaning or other treatment of minerals, ores or other solid matter that makes them suitable for commercial, industrial or construction use.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To reduce adverse effects of mining on natural resources and to ensure reclamation on mined lands.

**Who Issues This Permit?** Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** A nonrefundable permit application processing fee when filing for a new mining permit, a major permit modification, or a renewal permit is required as follows:

	<u>0-25 acres</u>	<u>26+acres</u>
New Permit Applications	\$3,750	\$5,000
Permit Modifications	\$750	\$1,000
Permit Renewals	\$750	\$1,000
Transfers/Minor Modifications	\$100	\$100

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Business, Personal or Cashier's Check or money orders are currently accepted payment methods. DEQ is currently working on a system to allow for electronic payment. When this option is available, DEQ will give notice of when and how to take advantage of this system.

**If Paying by Check, to Whom Do I Make the Check Payable and Where Do I Send the Check?** The check should be made out to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (DEMLR) and the check should be sent to the DEMLR Central Office, 1612 Mail Service Center, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27699.

### **Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?**

<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/mining-permits/forms#mineforms>. Then, click on "Mining Permit Application" to download the Word document. *Please note - you must download the MS Word file to your computer before beginning to fill it out.*

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** G.S. 74-51 states that an application for a permit must be granted or denied within 60 days of receipt of a complete application or, if a public hearing is held, within 30 days following the hearing and the filing of any supplemental information required by the division.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources, Mining Program, 1612 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1612.

### **How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?**

Site-specific; ranges from one year to 10 years (maximum).

**Notes/Comments:** In regard to application submittal, all questions within the application must be fully addressed and all required maps provided before an application can be considered complete. Attach additional sheets as needed. Reclamation bond or other security required for all mines. The bond amount is based upon a range of \$500 to \$5,000 per affected acre. The amount is dependent on the type of mining and size of affected land.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** G.S. 74-46 thru GS 74- 68.

**Link:** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/mining-program>

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### **Statewide Contact Information:**

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