Application for consent to transfer shares or change trustees in an organisation holding a Crown pastoral lease or licence

You need written consent for equity transfers within the organisation that holds a lease or licence over Crown pastoral land, such as for transferring shares in a limited liability company.

You need written consent for a change in trustees for a trust that holds a lease or licence over Crown pastoral land.

These changes may trigger the need for a residency exemption.

To apply for consent for either of these transactions, the lessee must complete this form.

If you want to transfer or sublease a Crown pastoral lease or licence, do not complete this form. The correct form can be found on our [website](https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/crown-property/using-crown-property/leases-and-licences/discretionary-pastoral-activities).

Please check you have provided:

* details of the current lessee or licensee
* details of the proposed transferee(s)
* details of the proposed share transfer
* if the transferee/sublessee is an organisation, evidence of their legal status and shareholding arrangements
* details of the effect of the transfer on the management of the lease/licence
* signed copies of any relevant transfer documentation.

You must provide enough information to allow the Commissioner of Crown Lands (the Commissioner) to decide on your application. To avoid delays, we recommend providing as much information as possible. The Commissioner will contact you in writing if more information is required and place your application on hold. This written request will ask you to provide the required information within a certain timeframe. If the Commissioner cannot get the required information within that timeframe, your application may be declined.

As part of the transfer, the Commissioner will consider whether it is appropriate to add a new condition on the lease which will require the lessee/licensee to undertake public access negotiations in future.

If you have any questions about what is required, email your Portfolio Manager or [pastoral@linz.govt.nz](mailto:pastoral@linz.govt.nz).

Please send your completed form and any supporting information to your Portfolio Manager. If you do not know who your Portfolio Manager is, send it to [pastoral@linz.govt.nz](mailto:pastoral@linz.govt.nz).

You can also send it by post to:

Pastoral team

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand

Private Bag 4721

Christchurch 8140

Further information on the transfer process can be found at the back of this form. We recommend you read this section carefully before submitting your application.

Your details as the current lessee(s) or licensee(s)

Your full name

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Your relationship to the lease or licence, for example, lessee, director of licensed company

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Your phone number Your email address

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The registered lessee or licensee’s name (please include individual, organisation or trust names as appropriate)

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Ownership structure (for example joint tenants, tenants in common, trustees)

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Share/trust structure (for example holders and division of shares)

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The registered lessee/licensee’s address

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The registered lessee/licensee’s email address

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The registered lessee/licensee’s solicitor’s name

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Solicitor’s phone number Solicitor’s email address

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Solicitor’s address

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Proposed transfer details

What is this application for? (circle one)

* Transfer of shares
* Change in trustees
* Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach signed copies of any relevant documentation that demonstrates the transfer.

Complete this section if you are proposing to transfer shares

Proposed transfer date:

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Please detail the proposed change in the share structure. For example, current shareholding, details of the shares to be transferred, and the proposed shareholding arrangement.

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Provide other key details of the share transfer, including:

* the value of the agreement excluding GST
* details of any other land included in the transfer

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All applicants to complete

Will the proposed transferee reside on the land?

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If the proposed transferee or trustee has exemption from residency, or has applied for an exemption, please provide the following information:

* name of the person appointed to reside on the land or the terms of the exemption
* explanation of any differences from any existing residency arrangement or exemption

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The proposed transferee’s details

The proposed lessee or licensee’s name(s). This could be an individual, the name of an organisation, or a trust. Include all parties if there are more than one.

You must append evidence of any organisation’s legal status and shareholding arrangements. For example, a certificate of incorporation, evidence of company registration or copy of a Trust Deed.

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The names of the director(s), shareholder(s), of trustee(s), of this organisation or trust

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The proposed transferee’s address for service

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Their postal address (if different)

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Their phone number Their email address

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The proposed transferee’s solicitor’s name

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Solicitor’s phone number Solicitor’s email address

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Solicitor’s address

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Describe the proposed transferee’s relevant qualifications, skills, and experience, which shows they are respectable and responsible and therefore able to assume the responsibilities of the lease/licence.

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Demonstrate how the proposed transferee has the financial resources and ability to meet and comply with any covenant, condition, or obligation (expressed or implied) under the relevant lease, licence, or sublease.

Note any assets, liabilities, cash, seasonal finance limits, credit references, and other supporting information. Please attach evidence, including credit references.

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Property details

Name of the lease or licence (or part(s), thereof)

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Physical address of lease or licence

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Area

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Legal description

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Title reference

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Details of existing Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 consents/permits over the lease or licence.

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Details of any other formal or informal agreements or arrangements on the lease or licence.

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Crown Pastoral Land outcomes

When deciding whether to consent to the transfer of shares or change in trustees, the Crown must give effect to the Crown Pastoral Land Act’s [outcomes](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1998/0065/latest/whole.html#DLM426989). These outcomes, set out in section 4 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998, are:

* maintaining or enhancing [inherent values](https://www.linz.govt.nz/resources/guide/inherent-values-framework) across the Crown pastoral estate for present and future generations, while providing for ongoing pastoral farming of pastoral land;
* supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi; and
* enabling the Crown to get a fair return on its ownership interest in pastoral land.

Please describe:

* Whether this transfer may impact on these outcomes, and if so, how
* The transferee’s plans or intentions for the land (such as a farm plan)

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Other relevant information

Please list any other applications that have been made in combination with this one, for example, stock limitation exemption. Provide details of this application, for example, whether the proposed exemption is for stocking rates less than, equal to, or more than that currently held on the pastoral lease or licence.

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Explain the transferee’s intentions for existing arrangements going forward. Will there be any changes to current public access? Explain these changes.

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Is there any other information you wish to provide as part of your application?

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Authorisation

By signing this form, you confirm that:

* you have the authority to make this transfer or change (all parties with a current registered interest in the lease/licence must sign. If the new shareholder is a company, the form must be signed by a person authorised by the company.),
* you have appended a copy of any relevant agreements to this application, for example a signed sale and purchase agreement or Trust Deed,
* the transferee is aware of any existing consents, agreements or permits AND will uphold these consents, agreements, or permits,
* any consents required from the Overseas Investment Office have been obtained and are appended to this application – or alternatively, evidence that this is not required such as a verified copy of a New Zealand passport, and
* this application is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Current holder(s)

Signature Date

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Transferee(s)

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Further information

We will process your application as quickly as possible. The time it takes will depend on the circumstances of your application.

As part of the transfer or change, the Commissioner will consider whether it is appropriate to add a new condition on the lease which will require the lessee/licensee to undertake public access negotiations in future. This decision will be based on whether there have been unreasonable public access refusals since November 2022. Information on any such refusals will be collected by LINZ from that date.

For any transfer, the Commissioner will consider whether the proposed purchaser has the necessary skills and expertise to manage the pastoral lease and whether the transfer will allow the purpose of the lease or licence to continue to be fulfilled.

If you do not provide sufficient information for the Commissioner to assess your application, the Commissioner will request the required information in writing within a timeframe set out in the written request. Under these circumstances, your application will be put on hold. If you do not provide the required information within the requested timeframe, the Commissioner may choose to decline your application.

Other things to be aware of when making this application

A summary of most decisions made by the Commissioner will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. Please advise us if there is sensitive information in your application that you would like withheld from publication under the Official Information Act 1982 or Privacy Act 2020.

The Commissioner must consider Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 [outcomes](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1998/0065/latest/whole.html#DLM426989) when making a decision. You may wish to reference these in your application.

Key documents

We have created guides to [help you navigate changes to the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998](https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/crown-property/using-crown-property/leases-and-licences/discretionary-pastoral-activities/helping-you-navigate-changes-cpla).

You can apply for permission for other activities by completing the correct [application form](https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/crown-property/using-crown-property/leases-and-licences/discretionary-pastoral-activities).

You may also find the [standard for purchase, alienation, and administration of Crown land](https://www.linz.govt.nz/resources/regulatory/standard-purchase-alienation-and-administration-crown-land-linzs45002) and the Land Act provisions for [transfers, subleases, or disposals](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1948/0064/latest/DLM252142.html#DLM252142) useful.