APPLICATION TO LEASE STATE LAND



In terms of the department's Beneficiary Selection and Land Allocation Policy & State Land Lease and Disposal Policy, eligible applicants are invited to submit applications to lease agricultural properties described as follows:

Property Description	Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of the farm, Hout nek no. 729 and portion 1 (Remaining Extent) of the farm Rietfontein no. 364, situated in the Masilonyana Local Municipality within the <u>Lejweleputswa district municipality</u> in Free State Province	
Total Extent	741.2797 hectares	
Current Farm Use Breakdown	Grazing lands	480.0000 ha
	Arable lands	235.0000 ha
	Planted Pastures	15.0000 ha
	Homestead and wasteland	2.1770 ha
Category of Lessee	3	
Farm Location and GPS Coordinates	26°882″S - 27°976″E	
LPID	435120; 435121	

The properties are suitable for various land use. Prospective farmers interested in leasing properties from the state are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be Africans, Indians and Coloureds, who are South African citizens. The African in this context includes persons from the first nations of South Africa.
- Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a valid South African bar-coded identity document.
- Priority within the target groups shall be given to **Women & Youth.**
- Applicants must indicate their current farming area, e.g. communal or commonage, if any.
- The successful applicant must be willing to stay on the farm fulltime for the duration of the lease contract.
- Applicants must indicate the farming resources they have or submit proof of access to resources for the farming operation as own contribution; i.e. capital, equipment, biological assets, etc.
- 3 5 Years farming experience will be an added advantage.

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- Completion of the application form and attachment of all mandatory supporting documents.
- In the case of a natural person: a certified copy of the applicant's barcoded South African ID.
- In the case of a juristic person: Unabridged legal entity registration certificate and a resolution appointing the representative.
- A signed declaration form indicating that the applicant is not a public servant or a public office bearer.
- All successful applicants will be required to undergo a skills assessment to identify skills gaps, which the department will assist with the necessary training.
- The application should indicate the number of livestock that the applicant owns, and their livestock-branding certificate, farm machinery and equipment where applicable.
- Crop farmer registration certificates and or affidavits must be attached in cases of crop farming.
- <u>Shortlisted applicants are expected to attend compulsory briefing session and site inspection at a venue, date and time to be communicated at a later stage.</u>
- If shortlisted, you will be required to avail yourself, your related farming machinery and equipment and your livestock (biological assets) where applicable for verification purposes and attend Evaluation interviews at the time and place determined by the Department during which, you will be expected to present a Business plan/proposal based on the information gathered during the compulsory farm visit.
- If not contacted 90 days after closing date kindly consider your application unsuccessful

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND POLITICIANS HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE DO NOT QUALIFY.

For more information, please visit www.dalrrd.gov.za or/ visit and or call the DALRRD departmental office (Applications must be sealed in an envelope and externally endorsed with the relevant property/farm name and be deposited in the Tender box, DALRRD - Lejweleputswa district office with 11 van Heerden Street, Mecantile Building, Welkom. Tel: 057 – 357 1734

Applicants can also contact Mr. Sandile Nhlapo on Tel: 057 – 357 1734 or 082 827 0684 for more information.

Manual Application forms may be downloaded from the department's website, and can be obtained from the nearest office of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

Applications must be hand delivered to the departmental offices no later than **16 January 2023 at 16h00**. All applications must be hand-delivered, and applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants who previously applied are encouraged to re-apply.

SPECIAL COVID-19 PROVISIONS

- To adhere to the COVID-19 regulations, the following rules shall apply:
- Social distancing will be observed during the site inspection.





