

BC MINERAL TENURE SYSTEM

Key Stages and Authorizations



FREE MINER CERTIFICATE

- FMC required to register and maintain statutory mineral titles
- Any individual 18 or over, meets residency requirements, and pays annual fee (\$25)
- Corporations (e.g. registered provincially or interprovincially under the Business Corporations Act) and pay an annual fee (\$500)

CLAIMS

- “Staked” on Mineral Titles Online (MTO) using interactive map with automatic claim registration
- Exclusive ability to explore for and potentially develop minerals
- Maintenance requirements (e.g. exploration and development work on claim or cash payments)

LEASES

- Increases production limits
- Interest in the land
- Longer term (up to 30 years for mineral leases; up to 10 years for placer leases)
- Consultation requirements

Permitting for Exploration and Development

- Mechanized exploration and mining development require a permit under the Mines Act (based on definition of a “mine”)
- BC consults with First Nations during permitting