

APPLICATION TO LEASE STATE LAND



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

Property description	Portion 0 of the Farm Rietvalei 172 IR, in extent of 425,7568 hectares, situated in Lesedi Local Municipality within Sedibeng District in Gauteng
Total extent	425.7568HA
Current farm use breakdown	Crop production Vegetable (Main) and grain production (Secondary)
Category of lessee	3
Farm location	Lesedi LM (Heidelberg)
LPID	T0IR0000000017200000

The property is suitable for various types of 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 barcoded identity document (ID).
- 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 full time** 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, machinery 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 as indicated thereon.
- 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.
- Applicants are expected to attend farm orientations and evaluation interview/s at a time and place determined by the department.
- All successful applicants will be required to undergo a skills assessment to identify skills gaps, after which the department will assist with relevant training.
- Shortlisted applicants are expected to attend a compulsory briefing session and site inspection at a venue, date and time to be communicated at a later stage.
- If shortlisted, you will be required to avail yourself, your related farming machinery and equipment for verification purposes and attend evaluation interviews at a 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 further information, please visit www.dalrrd.gov.za, the premises of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development at PSSC: Gauteng, 524 Corner Stanza Bopape and Steve Biko, Suncardia Building, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0007. Applicants can also contact Ms P Murray on 012 337 3680 or Mr T Ramathavhana on 012 337 3681, respectively.

Manual application forms may be downloaded from the department's website <http://www.dalrrd.gov.za> or obtained from the nearest DALRRD office. Applications accompanied by business proposals must be hand delivered to the above departmental offices no later than **27 September 2023 at 16h00**. All applications must be hand-delivered. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants who previously applied are encouraged to re-apply.