

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 property described as follows:

Property Description	The Remainder of the farm Rietfontein No 107 situated in the Registration Division Bloemfontein RD, Province of the Free State
Total Extent	960.8579 Hectares
Current Farm Use Breakdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arable Land: 11.0417 hectares • Land under irrigation: 7.6395 hectare • Grazing: 942.5762 hectares • Waste Land: 8.24 Hectares
Carrying capacity	7.5ha/LSU
Category of Lessee	3
Farm Location and GPS Coordinates	-29.215348, 26.363006
LPID	448646

The property is 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 **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 in full 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, a resolution appointing the representative and a share register.
- A signed declaration form indicating that the applicant is not a public servant or a public office bearer. In the case of legal entities, all members must sign the said declaration.
- Shortlisted candidate/s will be required to submit a business proposal/plan.
- Applicants must indicate and provide proof of farming resources they have or submit proof of access to resources for the farming operation as own contribution, i.e. capital, equipment, biological assets (e.g. cattle, goats etc) and mechanisation.
- Shortlisted applicants falling within the prioritised target groups are expected to attend farm orientations & evaluation interview at time & place determined by department.
- If shortlisted, you will be required to avail yourself, your related farming machinery and equipment and your livestock (biological assets) for verification purposes and attend evaluation interviews at the time and place determined by the Department.
- Successful candidate/s will be required to undergo a skills assessment to identify skills gaps, which the department will assist with the necessary training.
- If not contacted within 90 days after closing date kindly consider your application unsuccessful.
- Correspondence will only be limited to the successful applicants.

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 – Mangaung District office with 136 SA Eagle Building, Charlotte Maxeke Street, Bloemfontein. Tel: 051 – 400 4200

Applicants can also contact Mrs. Yolanda Folotsi on Tel: 051 – 400 4200 or 082 827 0649 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 **26 February 2024 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.