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	**Portion 18 (A Portion of Portion 3) of the farm Rietkuil 397 IS**
Total Extent	**37.3287 HA**
Carrying Capacity	**4-5 LSU**
Current Farm Use	**Piggery and Livestock grazing**
Category of Lessee	**3**
Farm Location & GPS Coordinates	**S26°55'03.8"E28°55'18.7"**
LPID	**447630**

The property is suitable for livestock farming. Prospective farmers interested in leasing property from 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 shall be given to **Women and 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 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.
- All applications must be accompanied by a business proposal.
- Applicants are expected to attend farm orientations and evaluation interview at time and place determined by the department.
- 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 number of livestock that applicant owns & their livestock-branding certificate, where applicable.
- 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.
- 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 Gert Sibande District office at Ermelo 23 Taute Street, ,2351 and Piet Retief 91 Church street, 2380, Mpumalanga on 017 819 1373. Applicants can also contact Ms. Zandile Shongwe on 071 856 0531, Mr. Vendrick Mulaudzi on 072 064 5675 and Ms. Florence Nkalanga 082 590 1133 for more information.

Manual Application forms may be downloaded from the department's website OR can be collected at Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development District Office at **Ermelo 23 Taute Street 2351 and 91 Church street Piet Retief, 2380**

Applications must be hand delivered to the **Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development at Ermelo 23 Taute Street, ,2351 and Piet Retief 91 Church street, 2380, no later than 10 July 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.