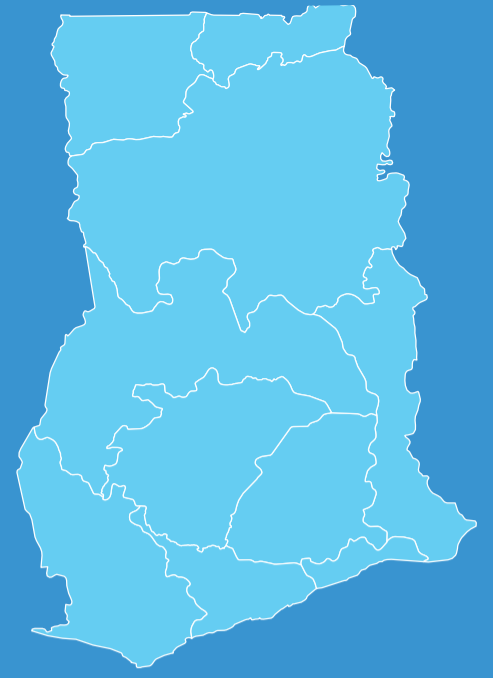


MINING LICENCE PROCESS MAP GHANA

**LICENCE:**

**PROSPECTING
LICENCE**

RESOURCE TYPE:

**MINERALS
[EXCL. INDUSTRIAL
MINERALS]**

SCALE:

LARGE-SCALE

ACTORS:

Explorer



Minister of
Mines



Minerals
Commission



Mineral Titles
Department



Mineral Titles
Technical
Committee



Local District
Assembly or Chief

In Ghana, all land is technically open to mining. When an individual or company identifies an area of interest and a mineral type, they can apply for the right to explore, first with a reconnaissance licence and then with a prospecting licence. These are then awarded by the government on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Mining and exploration licences are awarded by the Minister of Mines on the recommendation of the Minerals Commission. The Minerals Commission is the first point of contact for prospective applicants. It administers the Minerals and Mining Act and makes recommendations to the Minister on mining permit applications. By law, the national parliament ratifies all licenses and agreements signed by the Minister of Mines.

There are four main types of mining licence: reconnaissance licence, prospecting licence, the mining lease for large-scale mining, and the small-scale mining licence which is available only to Ghanaians. The process map below describes the process for obtaining a prospecting licence to conduct exploration for non-industrial minerals for large-scale mining.



EXPLORATION

STEPS:**ACTORS:**

1 LODGE APPLICATION

An individual or a company lodges an application for a prospecting licence with the Minerals Commission. The applicant is required to submit a site plan, search report, work program, certificate of incorporation and commencement of business, and the annual report of the company lodging the application.



2 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

The Minerals Commission conducts a preliminary review of application for compliance within 5 days.



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DAYS

2.1 The Minerals Commission informs the Minister of Mines of the application.



3 ASSESSMENT

The Mineral Titles Technical Committee (within the Minerals Commission) reviews the application and makes a recommendation to the Minerals Commission.



3.1 The Minerals Commission submits its recommendation to the board of the Commission.



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