What is Crown land?

Crown land is managed by the South Australian Government under the *Crown Land Management Act (2009)* for the benefit of the community. South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) provides land title details and other associated information. If you have a Crown Record (CR) or Crown Lease (CL), as opposed to a Certificate of Title (CT), then it is Crown land.

For further information you can access the website: [www.sailis.sa.gov.au/home](http://www.sailis.sa.gov.au/home)

The majority of land in South Australia is privately owned or held under a crown lease or other arrangement. The remaining land is known as unalienated Crown land.

Private land is managed under the *Real Property Act (1886)* and enquiries should be made to the Land Services Group website: [www.landservices.sa.gov.au](http://www.landservices.sa.gov.au)

Unalienated Crown land

Unalienated Crown land includes all land of the State other than the following:

- Land granted, or contracted to be granted, in fee simple
- Dedicated land
- Crown leasehold land
- Land owned by, or under the control of the Minister
- Land owned by, or under the control of a Crown agency

You need to apply for approval from the Minister to undertake any of the following activities:

- Issue an Easement
- Purchase Crown Land
- Issue Crown Lease
- Transfer Crown Lease
- Freehold Crown Lease or Licence
- Mortgage or Sublease a Lease
- Apply for a Licence over Crown Land

Crown land types

Crown land may be subject to different types of tenure including:

- Licence
- Dedicated land
- Term lease
- Perpetual lease

**Licence**

A licence allows a person or organisation to occupy an area of Crown land. A licence specifies:

- Area affected by the licence
- Purpose and conditions of the licence
- Term of the licence (usually 12 months)

The Minister may grant licences in relation to Crown land.
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Dedicated land
Unalienated Crown land can be dedicated for a community purpose, including for recreation, sporting clubs and conservation.

A register search will show the custodian and the condition of the dedicated land. In most cases dedicated land is placed under the care, control and management of another person or body, which may include local councils, other government agencies and organisations such as SA Water.

Term lease
A term lease means a lease granted for a specific period of time.

Perpetual lease
A perpetual lease means a lease granted in perpetuity. The lease may be surrendered and a freehold title issued to the lessee, who can then divide the land or transfer the land as desired.

For more information
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