

Annual licences are unregistered rights to occupy Crown land for a specific purpose. Most annual licences are issued for river structures, residential, grazing or infrastructure (eg pipeline, power lines) purposes. By legislation licences can only be issued for up to one year but in practice they are renewed each year and some have been in force for an extended period. Considerable use is made of annual licences as an interim tenure in order to effect the grant or sale of Crown land.

Crown Lands maintains a register of about 4200 licences with recurrent revenue of \$600 000 pa approx.

Functions performed by Crown Lands include the issue, amendment and cancellation of licences and monitoring compliance with conditions and covenants.

- The licensee is provided with a licence document as proof of his right to occupy Crown land for a particular purpose. Licence fees are based on valuation or a set fee schedule reviewed annually by the Land Board.

An automated system linked to the revenue system and the land information system (LOTS) was developed for annual licences in 1986. It enables updating of the register and fees as required.

- The most common amendment to licences is an annual review of the fee payable.

A large number of licence fees are set at the policy minimum.

- Licences are cancelled when the use of Crown land is discontinued. Licences can be cancelled with one month's notice.

Current Policy Objective

To provide for temporary occupation of Crown land.

To provide a transition to better tenure over Crown land.

To arrange appropriate short term management of Crown land.

For further information contact any Crown Lands office (see [Contact Details](#))

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